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400. ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM BENEFITS

The Federal law contains few requirements concerning eligibility and disqualification provisions. See sections 440 and 450. Each State establishes its requirements which an unemployed worker must meet to receive unemployment insurance. All State laws provide that, to receive benefits, a claimant must be able to work and must be available for work; i.e., he must be in the labor force, and his unemployment must be caused by lack of work. Also he must be free from disqualification for such acts as voluntary leaving without good cause, discharge for misconduct connected with the work, and refusal of suitable work. These eligibility and disqualification provisions delineate the risk which the laws cover: the able-and-available tests as positive conditions for the receipt of benefits week by week, and the disqualifications as a negative expression of conditions under which benefits are denied. The purpose of these provisions is to limit payments to workers unemployed primarily as a result of economic causes. The eligibility and disqualification provisions apply only to claimants who meet the qualifying wage and employment requirements discussed in section 310.

In all States, claimants who are held ineligible for benefits because of inability to work, unavailability for work, or disqualification are entitled to a notice of determination and an appeal from the determination.

405 ABILITY TO WORK.

Only minor variations exist in State laws setting forth the requirements concerning ability to work. A few States do specify that a claimant must be physically able or mentally and physically able to work. One evidence of ability to work is the filing of claims and registration for work at a public employment office, required under all State laws. Missouri goes one step further requiring, by law, every individual receiving benefits to report to the nearest office in person at least once every 4 weeks.

Several States (Table 400) have added a proviso that no claimant who has filed a claim and has registered for work shall be considered ineligible during an uninterrupted period of unemployment because of illness or disability, so long as no work, which is suitable but for the disability, is offered and refused. In Massachusetts the period during which benefits will be paid is limited to 3 weeks and in Alaska 6 consecutive weeks. These provisions are not to be confused with the special programs in six States for temporary disability benefits (ch. 600).

410 AVAILABILITY FOR WORK

Available for work is often translated to mean being ready, willing, and able to work. Meeting the requirement of registration for work at a public employment office is considered as some evidence of availability. Nonavailability may be evidenced by substantial restrictions upon the kind or conditions of otherwise suitable work that a claimant can or will accept, or by his refusal of a referral to suitable work made by the employment service or of an offer of suitable work made by an employer. A determination that a claimant is unable to work or is unavailable for work applies to the time at which he is giving notice of unemployment or for the period for which he is claiming benefits.

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The availability-for-work provisions have become more varied than the ability-to-work provisions. Some States provide that a claimant must be available for suitable work; others incorporate the concept of suitability for the individual claimant in terms of work in his usual occupation or for which he is reasonably fitted by training and experience (Table 400). Delaware requires an involuntarily retired worker to be available only for work which is suitable for an individual of his age or physical condition. Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine and New Jersey specify that an individual who is otherwise eligible for benefits will not be deemed unavailable solely because he is serving on a jury.

Georgia and West Virginia specify the conditions under which individuals on vacation are deemed unavailable or unemployed, and Georgia limits to 2 weeks in any calendar year the period of unavailability of individuals who are not paid while on a vacation provided in an employment contract or by employer-established custom or policy. North Carolina considers as unavailable a claimant whose unemployment is found to be caused by a vacation for a period of 2 weeks or less in a calendar year.

In Nebraska and New Jersey no claimant is deemed unavailable for work solely because he is on vacation without pay if the vacation is not the result of his own action as distinguished from any collective bargaining or other action beyond his individual control. Under New York law an agreement by an individual or his union or representative to a shutdown for vacation purposes is not of itself considered a withdrawal from the labor market or unavailability during the time of such vacation shutdown. Other provisions relating to eligibility during vacation periods--although not specifically stated in terms of availability--are made in Virginia, where an individual is eligible for benefits only if he is found not to be on a bona fide vacation, and in Washington, where it is specifically provided that a cessation of operations by an employer for the purpose of granting vacations shall not be construed to be a voluntary quit or voluntary unemployment. Tennessee does not deny benefits during unemployment caused by a plant shutdown for vacation, providing the individual does not receive vacation pay.

Alabama, Michigan, Ohio, and South Carolina require that a claimant be available for work in a locality where his base-period wages were earned or in a locality where similar work is available or where suitable work is normally performed. Illinois considers an individual to be unavailable if, after separation from his most recent work, he moves to and remains in a locality where opportunities for work are substantially less favorable than those in the locality he left. Arizona requires that an individual be, at the time he files a claim, a resident of Arizona or of another State or foreign country that has entered into reciprocal arrangements with the State. Oregon considers the individual unavailable for work if he leaves his normal labor market area for the major portion of a week unless the claimant can establish that he conducted a bona fide search for work in the labor market area where he spent the major part of the week.

Michigan and West Virginia require that a claimant be available for full-time work. In Wisconsin--where a claimant may be required at any time to seek work and to supply evidence of such search--the inability and unavailability provisions are in terms of weeks for which he is called upon by his current employer to return to work that is actually suitable and in terms of weeks of inability to work or unavailability for work, if his separation was caused by his physical inability to do his work or his unavailability for work. Oklahoma's law requires an individual to be able to work and available for work and states also that mere registration and reporting at a local employment office is not conclusive evidence of ability to work, availability for work or willingness to work. In addition, the law requires, where appropriate, an active search for work. Pennsylvania considers a claimant ineligible for benefits for any week in which his unemployment is due to failure to accept an offer of suitable full-time work in order to pursue seasonal or part-time work.

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415 ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK

In addition to registration for work at a local employment office, most State laws require that a claimant be actively seeking work or making a reasonable effort to obtain work. Tennessee specifically provides that an active or independent search for work is not required as evidence of availability.

The Oregon requirement is in terms of "actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work." In Oklahoma, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin, the provision is not mandatory; the agency may require that the claimant, in addition to registering for work, make other efforts to obtain suitable work and give evidence of such efforts. In Wisconsin, however, an active search is required if the claimant is self-employed or if the claim is based on employment for a corporation substantially controlled by the claimant or his family. Michigan permits the Commission to waive the requirement that an individual must seek work, except in the case of a claimant serving a disqualification, where it finds that suitable work is unavailable both in the locality where the individual resides and in those localities in which he has earned base-period credit weeks. The New Jersey law permits the director to modify the active search-for-work requirement when, in his judgment, such modification is warranted by economic conditions.

420 AVAILABILITY DURING TRAINING

Special provisions relating to the availability of trainees and to the unavailability of students are included in many State laws. The student provisions are discussed in section 450.02.

Beginning in 1972 the FUTA requires, as a condition for employers in a State to receive normal tax credit, that all State laws provide that compensation shall not be denied to an otherwise eligible individual for any week during which he is attending a training course with the approval of the State agency. In addition, the State law must provide that such individuals not be held ineligible or disqualified for being unavailable for work, for failing to make an active search for work, or for failing to accept an offer of, or for refusal of, suitable work.

Prior to the enactment of the Federal law, more than half the States had provisions in their laws for the payment of benefits to individuals taking training or retraining courses. The requirement of the Federal law does not extend to the criteria that States must use in approving training. Although some State laws have set forth the standards to be used, many do not specify what types of training. Generally, approved training is limited to vocational or basic education training, thereby excluding regularly enrolled students from collecting benefits under the approved training provision.

Massachusetts and Michigan, in addition to providing regular benefits while the claimant attends an industrial retraining or other vocational training course, provide extended benefits equal to 18 times the trainee's weekly benefits rate (sec. 335.03).

While in almost all States the participation of claimants in approved training courses is voluntary, in the District of Columbia and Missouri an individual may be required to accept such training.

California has established a demonstration project to last until 1985 that will, using special eligibility criteria and other procedures, test the effectiveness of training selected individuals for new jobs while collecting unemployment benefits.

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425 DISQUALIFICATION FROM BENEFITS

The major causes for disqualification from benefits are voluntary separation from work, discharge for misconduct, refusal of suitable work, and unemployment resulting from a labor dispute. The disqualifications imposed for these causes vary considerably among the States. They may include one or a combination of the following: a postponement of benefits for some prescribed period, ordinarily in addition to the waiting period required of all claimants; a cancellation of benefit rights; or a reduction of benefits otherwise payable. Unlike the status of unavailability for work or inability to work, which is terminated as soon as the condition changes, disqualification means that benefits are denied for a definite period specified in the law, or set by the administrative agency within time limits specified in the law, or for the duration of the period of unemployment.

The disqualification period is usually for the week of the disqualifying act and a specified number of consecutive calendar weeks following. Exceptions in which the weeks must be weeks following registration for work or meeting some other requirement are noted in Tables 401, 402, 403 and 404. The theory of a specified period of disqualification is that, after a time, the reason for a worker's continued unemployment is more the general conditions of the labor market than his disqualifying act. The time for which the disqualifying act is considered the reason for a worker's unemployment varies among the States and among the causes of disqualification. It varies from 5 weeks, in addition to the week of occurrence, in Alaska to 1-25 weeks in Texas. In Texas the maximum disqualification period for one or more causes may leave only one week of benefits payable to the claimant.

A number of States have a different theory for the period of disqualification. They disqualify for the duration of the unemployment or longer by requiring a specified amount of work or wages to requalify or, in the case of misconduct connected with the work, by canceling a disqualified worker's wage credits. The provisions will be discussed in consideration of the disqualifications for each cause.

Instead of the usual type of disqualification provisions, Colorado pays or denies benefits under a system of awards. A "full award"--i.e., no disqualification--is made if the worker is laid off for lack of work or his separation is the result of one of several situations described in detail in the law. A reduced award is made if the claimant was discharged or quit work under specified circumstances in which, presumably, both employer and worker shared responsibility for the work separation.

Similarly, a reduced award applies to separations because of family obligations and to other conditions arising from a specified list of situations, as well as other situations not specifically covered under the other award provisions.

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In less than half the States are the disqualifications imposed for all three major causes--voluntary leaving, discharge for misconduct, and refusal of suitable work--the same. This is partially because the 1970 amendments to the Federal law prohibited the denial of benefits by reason of cancellation of wage credits except for misconduct in connection with the work, fraud in connection with a claim, or receipt of disqualifying income. As may be expected, therefore, discharge for misconduct is most often the cause with the heaviest penalty.

The provisions for postponement of benefits and cancellation of benefits must be considered together to understand the full effect of disqualification. Disqualification for the duration of the unemployment may be a slight or a severe penalty for an individual claimant, depending upon the duration of his unemployment which, in turn, depends largely upon the general condition of the labor market. When cancellation of the benefit rights based on the work left is added, the severity of the disqualification depends mainly upon the duration of the work left and the presence or absence of other wage credits. Disqualification for the duration of the unemployment and cancellation of all prior wage credits tend to put the claimant out of the system. If the wage credits canceled extend beyond the base period for the current benefit year, cancellation extends into a second benefit year immediately following.

In Colorado and Michigan, where cancellation of wage credits may deny all benefits for the remainder of the benefit year, the claimant may become eligible again for benefits without waiting for his benefit year to expire. See Table 300, footnote 5, for provisions for cancellation of the current benefit year. Although this provision permits a claimant to establish a new benefit year and draw benefits sooner than he otherwise could, he would be eligible in the new benefit year generally for a lower weekly benefit amount or shorter duration, or both, because part of the earnings in the period covered by the new base period would already have been canceled or used for computing benefits in the canceled benefit year.

430 DISQUALIFICATION FOR VOLUNTARILY LEAVING WORK

In a system of benefits designed to compensate wage loss due to lack of work, voluntarily leaving work without good cause is an obvious reason for disqualification from benefits. All States have such a disqualification provision.

In most States disqualification is based on the circumstances of separation from the *most recent* employment. Laws of these States condition the disqualification in such terms as "has left his *most recent* work voluntarily without good cause" or provide that the individual will be disqualified for the week in which he has left work voluntarily without good cause, if so found by the commission, and for the specified number of weeks which *immediately* follow such week. Most States with the latter provision interpret it so that any bona fide employment in the period specified terminates the disqualification, but some States interpret the provision to continue the disqualification until the end of the period specified, regardless of intervening employment.

In a few States the agency looks to the causes of all separations within a specified period (Table 401, footnote 4). Michigan and Wisconsin, which compute benefits separately for each employer to be charged, consider the reason for separation from each employer when his account becomes chargeable.

430.01 Good cause for voluntary leaving.--In all States a worker who leaves his work voluntarily must have good cause (in Connecticut, sufficient cause; in Ohio, just cause; and in Pennsylvania, cause of a necessitous and compelling nature) if he is not to be disqualified.

In some States good cause for leaving work appears in the law as a general term, not explicitly restricted to good cause related to the employment, thus permitting interpretation to include good personal cause. However, in a few of these States, it has been interpreted in the restrictive sense.

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Several States also specify various circumstances relating to work separations that, by statute, require a determination that the worker left with good cause. California specifies that a worker left his job with good cause if his employer deprived him of equal employment opportunities not based on bona fide occupational qualifications. New York provides that voluntary leaving is not in itself disqualifying if circumstances developed in the course of employment that would have justified the claimant in refusing such employment in the first place. Rhode Island does not apply the voluntary quit qualification if the claimant left work because of sexual harassment. Pennsylvania specifies that an individual shall not be denied benefits for voluntarily leaving if he exercises his option of accepting a layoff pursuant to a union contract, or an established employee plan, program or policy. Wisconsin does not apply the voluntary quit qualification if the claimant left work because the employer made employment, promotion or job assignments contingent on the employee's consent to sexual contact or sexual intercourse. New Hampshire allows benefits if an individual, not under disqualification, accepts work that would not have been suitable and terminates such employment within 4 weeks. Minnesota does not apply the voluntary quit qualification if claimant left employment because of its temporary nature or inability to pass a test or to meet work performance requirements. Illinois does not apply the voluntary quit disqualification if the individual left in lieu of accepting a transfer that would cause another employee to be bumped or because of sexual harassment by another employee, or if the individual accepted work after separation from other work and the work he left voluntarily would be deemed unavailable. See table 401.1 for the most common exceptions to the disqualification for voluntary leaving.

In many States (Table 401.1) good cause is specifically restricted to good cause connected with the work or attributable to the employer, or, in West Virginia, involving fault on the part of the employer. Louisiana disqualifies persons who left work and does not specify voluntary leaving. Most of these States modify, in one or more respects, the requirement that the claimant be disqualified if the separation was without good cause attributable to the employer or to the employment.

430.02 Period of disqualification.--In some States the disqualification for voluntary leaving is a fixed number of weeks; the longest period in any one of these States is 13 weeks (Table 401). Other States have a variable disqualification; the maximum period under these provisions is 25 weeks in Texas and Colorado. In the remaining States the disqualification is for the duration of the individual's unemployment--in most of these States, until the claimant is again employed and earns a specified amount of wages.

430.03 Reduction of benefit rights.--In many States, in addition to the postponement of benefits, benefit rights are reduced, usually equal in extent to the weeks of benefit postponement imposed. See Table 401.

430.04 Relation to availability provisions.--A claimant who is not disqualified for leaving work voluntarily with good cause is not necessarily eligible to receive benefits. If the claimant left because of illness or to take care of illness in the family, such claimant may not be able to work or be available for work. In most States the ineligibility for benefits would extend only until the individual was able to work or was available for work, rather than for the fixed period of disqualification for voluntary leaving.

435 DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT CONNECTED WITH THE WORK

The provisions for disqualification for discharge for misconduct follow a pattern similar but not identical to that for voluntary leaving. There is more tendency to provide disqualification for a variable number of weeks "according to the seriousness of the misconduct." In addition, many States provide for heavier disqualification in the case of discharge for a dishonest or a criminal act, or other acts of aggravated misconduct.

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Some of the State laws define misconduct in the law in such terms as "willful misconduct" (Connecticut and Pennsylvania); "deliberate misconduct" (Massachusetts); "willful disregard of the employing unit's interest" (Massachusetts); "failure to obey orders, rules or instructions or the failure to discharge the duties for which he was employed" (Georgia); and a breach of duty "reasonably owed an employer by an employee" (Kansas). Kentucky provides that "legitimate activity in connection with labor organizations or failure to join a company union shall not be construed as misconduct." Detailed interpretations of what constitutes misconduct have been developed in each State's benefit decisions.

Disqualification for discharge for misconduct, as that for voluntary leaving, is usually based on the circumstances of separation from the most recent employment. However, as indicated in Table 402, footnote 3, in a few States the statute requires consideration of the reasons for separation from employment other than the most recent. The disqualification is applicable to any separation within the base period for a felony or dishonesty in connection with the work in Ohio, and for a felony in connection with the work in New York.

435.01 Period of disqualification.--About half of the States have a variable disqualification for discharge for misconduct (Table 402). In some the range is small, e.g., the week of occurrence plus 2 to 6 weeks in Alabama; in other States the range is large, e.g., 5 to 26 weeks in South Carolina and 1 to 26 weeks in Texas. Many States provide flat disqualification, and others disqualify for the duration of the unemployment or longer. Florida, Illinois, and Oregon provide two periods of disqualification. Some States reduce or cancel all of the claimant's benefit rights.

Many States provide for disqualification for disciplinary suspensions as well as for discharge for misconduct. A few States provide the same disqualification for both causes (Table 402, footnote 1). In the other States the disqualification differs as indicated in Table 402, footnote 7).

435.02 Disqualification for gross misconduct.--Some States provide heavier disqualification for what may be called gross misconduct. These disqualifications are shown in Table 403. In a few of the States, the disqualification runs for 1 year; in other States, for the duration of the individual's unemployment; and in most of the States, wage credits are canceled in whole or in part, on a mandatory or optional basis.

The conditions specified for imposing the disqualification for discharge for gross misconduct are in such terms as: discharge for dishonesty or an act constituting a crime or a felony in connection with the claimant's work, if such claimant is convicted or signs a statement admitting the act (Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Utah and Washington); conviction of a felony or misdemeanor in connection with the work (Maine); discharge for a dishonest or criminal act in connection with the work (Alabama); gross or aggravated misconduct connected with the work (Missouri, South Carolina, and Tennessee); deliberate and willful disregard of standards of behavior showing gross indifference to the employer's interests (Maryland); discharge for dishonesty, intoxication, or willful violation of safety rules (Arkansas); gross, flagrant, willful, or unlawful misconduct (Nebraska); assault, theft or sabotage (Michigan); misconduct that has impaired the rights, property, or reputation of a base-period employer (Louisiana); assault, battery, destruction of property or the theft of \$100 or more or arson, sabotage or embezzlement, (Minnesota); intentional, willful, or wanton disregard of the employer's interest (Kansas); a deliberate act or

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negligence or carelessness of such a degree as to manifest culpability, wrongful intent or evil design (Colorado); and discharge for arson, sabotage, felony, or dishonesty connected with the work (New Hampshire). An additional disqualification is provided in New Hampshire (Table 403, footnote 3).

440 DISQUALIFICATION FOR A REFUSAL OF SUITABLE WORK

Disqualification for a refusal of work is provided in all State laws, with diverse provisions concerning the extent of the disqualification imposed, smaller difference in the factors to be considered in determining whether work is suitable or the worker has good cause for refusing it; and practically identical statements concerning the conditions under which new work may be refused without disqualification. To protect labor standards, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act provides that no State law will be approved, so that employers may credit their State contributions against the Federal tax, unless the State law provides that--

Compensation shall not be denied in such State to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to accept new work under any of the following conditions: (A) If the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute; (B) if the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality; (C) if as a condition of being employed the individual would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization.

440.01 Criteria for suitable work.--In addition to the mandatory minimum standards, most State laws list certain criteria by which the suitability of a work offer is to be tested. The usual criteria are the degree of risk to a claimant's health, safety, and morals; the physical fitness and prior training, experience, and earnings; the length of unemployment, and prospects for securing local work in a customary occupation; and the distance of the available work from the claimant's residence.

These criteria are modified in some States to include other stipulations, for example: in Alabama and West Virginia, that no work is unsuitable because of distance if it is in substantially the same locality as the last regular employment which the claimant left voluntarily without good cause connected with the employment; in Indiana, that work under substantially the same terms and conditions under which the claimant was employed by a base-period employer, which is within the prior training and experience and physical capacity to perform, is suitable work unless a bona fide change in residence makes such work unsuitable because of the distance involved. Massachusetts deems work between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. not suitable for women. New Hampshire doesn't consider third shift under age 15, or for an ill or infirm dependent elderly person. Connecticut does not deem work suitable if as a condition of being employed, the claimant would be required to agree not to leave the position if recalled by his previous employer. In Wisconsin a claimant has good cause during the first six weeks of unemployment for refusing work at a lower grade of skill or significantly lower rate of pay than on one or more recent jobs.

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Delaware and New York make no reference to the suitability of work offered but provide for disqualification for refusals of work for which a claimant is reasonably fitted. Delaware, New York, and Ohio provide, in addition to the labor standards required by the Federal law, that no refusal to accept employment shall be disqualifying if it is at an unreasonable distance from the claimant's residence or the expense of travel to and from work is substantially greater than that in the former employment, unless provision is made for such expense. Also, Ohio does not consider suitable any work a claimant is not required to accept pursuant to a labor-management agreement. In Pennsylvania a claimant will not be disqualified for refusal of suitable work when the work is offered by his employer, and the claimant is not required to accept the offer pursuant to terms of a union contract or agreement or an established employer plan, program or policy.

A few States provide for changing the definition of suitable work as the duration of the individual's unemployment grows. The suitability of the offered wage is the factor States have chosen to alter. For example, after 12 weeks of unemployment, Maine no longer considers the individual's prior wage in determining whether work is suitable. Montana after 13 weeks of unemployment, specifies that a suitable work offer need only include wages equal to 75 percent of the prevailing wage. After 4 weeks of unemployment, Wyoming law requires disqualification of an individual who fails to accept work offering at least 75 percent of the compensation of his previous work. Florida requires the agency, in developing rules to determine the suitability of work, to consider the duration of the individual's unemployment and the wage rates available. In addition, Florida law specifies that, after an individual has received 25 weeks of benefits in a single year, suitable work will be a job that pays the minimum wage and is 120 percent or more of the individual's weekly benefit amount. Iowa law specifies that work is suitable if it meets the other criteria in the law and the gross weekly wage of the offered work bears the following relationship to the individual's high-quarter average weekly wage: (1) 100 percent during the first 5 weeks of unemployment; (2) 75 percent from the 6th through the 12th week of unemployment; (3) 70 percent from the 13th through the 18th week of unemployment; and (4) 65 percent after the 18th week of unemployment. No individual, however, is required to accept a job paying below the Federal minimum wage.

Georgia specifies that, after an individual has received 8 weeks of benefits, no work will be considered unsuitable if it pays wages equal to at least 125 percent of half the individual's high quarter average weekly wage. After 13 weeks of benefits, no work is considered unsuitable if it pays wages equal to 110 percent of half the individual's high quarter average weekly wage. However, the work will not be considered suitable if it pays wages less than the minimum wage established by either State or Federal law.

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440.02 Period of disqualification.--More than half the States disqualify for a specified number of weeks (4 to 20) any claimants who refuse suitable work; others postpone benefits for a variable number of weeks, with the maximum ranging from 5 to 1. Almost half the States disqualify, for the duration of the unemployment or longer, claimants who refuse suitable work. Most of these specify an amount that the claimant must earn, or a period of time the claimant must work to remove the disqualification.

Of the States that reduce potential benefits for refusal of suitable work, the majority provide for reduction by an amount equal to the number of weeks of benefits postponed.

The relationship between availability for work and refusal of suitable work was pointed out in the discussion of availability (sec. 410). The Wisconsin provisions for suitable work recognize this relationship by stating: "If the commission determines that * * * a failure [accept suitable work] has occurred with good cause, but that the employee is physically unable to work or substantially unavailable for work, he shall be ineligible for the week in which such failure occurred and while such inability or unavailability continues."

445 LABOR DISPUTES

Unlike the disqualifications for voluntary leaving, discharge for misconduct, and refusal of suitable work, the disqualifications for unemployment caused by a labor dispute do not involve a question of whether the unemployment is incurred through fault on the part of the individual worker. Instead, they mark out an area that is excluded from coverage. This exclusion rests in part on an effort to maintain a neutral position in regard to the dispute and, in part, to avoid potentially costly drains on the unemployment funds.

The principle of "neutrality" is reflected in the type of disqualification imposed in all of the State laws. The disqualification imposed is always a postponement of benefits and in no instance involves reduction or cancellation of benefit rights. Inherently, in almost all States, the period is indefinite and geared to the continuation of the dispute-induced stoppage or to the progress of the dispute.

445.01 Definition of labor dispute.--Except for Alabama, Arizona and Minnesota, no State defines labor dispute. The laws use different terms; for example, labor dispute, trade dispute, strike, strike and lockout, or strike or other bona fide labor dispute. Some States exclude lockouts, presumably to avoid penalizing workers for the employer's action; several States exclude disputes resulting from the employer's failure to conform to the provisions of a labor contract; and a few States, those caused by the employer's failure to conform to any law of the United States or the State on such matters as wages, hours, working conditions, or collective bargaining, or disputes where the employees are protesting substandard working conditions (Table 405).

445.02 Location of the dispute.--Usually a worker is not disqualified unless the labor dispute is in the establishment in which the worker was last employed. Idaho omits this provision; North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia include a dispute at any other premises which the employer operates if the dispute makes it impossible for the employer to conduct work normally in the establishment in which there is no labor dispute. Michigan includes a dispute at any establishment within the United States functionally integrated with the striking establishment or owned by the same employing unit. Ohio includes disputes at any factory, establishment, or other premises located in the United States and owned or operated by the employer.

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445.03 Period of disqualification.--In most States the period of disqualification ends whenever the "stoppage of work because of a labor dispute" comes to an end or the stoppage ceases to be caused by the labor dispute. In other States, disqualifications last while the labor dispute is in "active progress," and in Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, New Mexico, and Ohio, while the workers' unemployment is a result of a labor dispute (Table 405).

A few State laws allow individuals to terminate a disqualification by showing that the labor dispute (or the stoppage of work) is no longer the cause of their unemployment. The Missouri law specifies that bona fide employment of the claimant for at least the major part of each of 2 weeks will terminate the disqualification; the Michigan law provides that if a claimant works in at least 2 consecutive calendar weeks, and earns wages in each week of at least the weekly benefit amount based on employment with the employer involved in the labor dispute, the disqualification will terminate; and the New Hampshire law specifies that the disqualification will terminate 2 weeks after the dispute is ended even though the stoppage of work continues. In contrast, the Arkansas, Colorado, and North Carolina laws extend the disqualification for a reasonable period of time necessary for the establishment to resume normal operations; and Michigan and Virginia extend the period to shutdown and startup operations. Under the Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Utah laws, a claimant may receive benefits if, during a stoppage of work resulting from a labor dispute, the claimant obtains employment with another employer and earns a specified amount of wages (Table 405). However, base-period wages earned with the employer involved in the dispute cannot be used for benefit payments while the stoppage of work continues.

Only two States provide for a definite period of disqualification. In New York a worker, unemployed because of a strike or lockout in the establishment where such individual was employed, can accumulate effective days after 7 weeks and the waiting period, or earlier if the controversy is terminated earlier. In Rhode Island a worker unemployed because of a strike in the establishment in which such worker was employed is entitled to benefits for unemployment which continues after a 6-week disqualification period and a 1-week waiting period. In addition to the usual labor dispute provision, Michigan, in a few specified cases, disqualifies for 6 weeks in each of which the claimant must either earn remuneration in excess of \$25 or meet the regular eligibility requirements, plus an equal reduction of benefits based on wages earned with the employer involved.

In Indiana termination of employment with the employer involved in the dispute is sufficient showing that the unemployment is not caused by the dispute.

445.04 Exclusion of individual workers.--Alabama, California, Delaware, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina and Wisconsin do not exempt from disqualification those workers who are not taking part in the labor dispute and who have nothing to gain by it. In Minnesota an individual is disqualified for 1 week if the individual is not participating in or directly interested in the labor dispute. In Texas the unemployment must be caused by the claimant's stoppage of work. Utah applies a disqualification only in case of a strike involving a claimant's grade, class, or group of workers if one of the workers in the grade, class, or group fomented or was a party to the strike; if the employer or employer's agent and any of the workers or their agents conspired to foment the strike, no disqualification is applied. Massachusetts provides specifically that benefits will be paid to an otherwise eligible individual from the period of unemployment to the date a strike or lockout commenced, if such individual becomes involuntarily unemployed during negotiations of a collective-bargaining contract. Minnesota provides that an individual is not disqualified if he is dismissed during negotiations prior to a strike or if

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unemployment is caused by an employer's willful failure to comply with either Federal and State occupational safety and health laws or safety and health provisions in a union agreement. Ohio provides that the labor dispute disqualification will not apply if the claimant is laid off for an indefinite period and not recalled to work prior to the dispute or was separated prior to the dispute for reasons other than the labor dispute, or if he obtains a bona fide job with another employer while the dispute is still in progress. Connecticut provides that an apprentice, unemployed because of a dispute between his employer and journeymen, shall not be held ineligible for benefits if he is available for work. Indiana excludes from disqualification individuals not recalled after the labor dispute has been terminated and sufficient time to resume normal activities has elapsed. The other States provide that individual workers are excluded if they and others of the same grade or class are not participating in the dispute, financing it, or directly interested in it, as indicated in Table 405.

450 DISQUALIFICATION OF SPECIAL GROUPS

Under all State laws, students who are not available for work while attending school and individuals who quit their jobs because of marital obligations which make them unavailable for work would not qualify for benefits under the regular provisions concerning ability to work and availability for work. Also, under those laws that restrict good cause for voluntary leaving to that attributable to the employer or to the employment, workers who leave work to return to school or who become unemployed because circumstances related to their family obligations are subject to disqualification under the voluntary-quit provision (Table 401). However, most States supplement their general able-and-available and disqualification provisions by the addition of one or more special provisions applicable to students or individuals separated from work because of family or marital obligations. Most of these special provisions restrict benefits more than the usual disqualification provisions (sec. 430).

In addition to these special State provisions, the Federal law was amended by Public Law 94-566 to require denial of benefits to certain categories of claimants--professional athletes, some aliens and school personnel--and to prohibit States from denying benefits solely on the basis of pregnancy or the termination of pregnancy.

450.01 Individuals with marital obligations.--The States with special provisions for unemployment because of marital obligations all provide for disqualification rather than a determination of unavailability. Generally, the disqualification is applicable only if the individual left work voluntarily. See Table 406.

The situations to which these provisions apply are stated in the law in terms of one or more of the following causes of separation: leaving to marry; to move with spouse or family; because of marital, parental, filial, or domestic obligations; and to perform duties of housewife. The disqualification or determination of unavailability usually applies to the duration of the individual's unemployment or longer. However, exceptions are provided in Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, and Washington.

450.02 Students.--Most States exclude from coverage service performed by students for educational institutions (Table 103); New York also excludes part-time work by a day student in elementary or secondary school. In addition, many States have special provisions limiting the benefit rights of students who have had

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covered employment. See Table 407. In some of these States the disqualification is for the duration of the unemployment; in others, during attendance at school or during the school term. Colorado provides for a disqualification of from 6 to 12 weeks plus an equal reduction in benefits. In Iowa a student is considered to be engaged in "customary self-employment" and as such is not eligible for benefits; Idaho does not consider a student unemployed while attending school during the customary working hours of the occupation, except for students in approved training.

A few States disqualify claimants during school attendance and Montana and Utah extend the disqualification to vacation periods. In Utah the disqualification is not applicable if the major portion of the individual's base-period wages were earned while attending school. In other States students are deemed unavailable for work while attending school and during vacation periods. Louisiana makes an exception for students regularly employed and available for suitable work. In Ohio a student is eligible for benefits providing the base-period wages were earned while in school and the student is available for work with any base-period employer or for any other suitable employment.

450.03 School personnel.--Public Law 94-566, while extending coverage to State and local governments, also required States to restrict the payment of benefits to certain employees of those governmental entities, that is, instructional, research or principal administrative employees of educational institutions between successive academic years or terms, or, when an agreement so provides, between two regular but not successive terms, if the individual performed one of the three types of services in the first year or term and has a contract or a reasonable assurance of performing one of the three types of services in the second year or term.

The Federal law was also amended by Public Law 94-566 to permit a State, at its option, to amend the State law to deny benefits to other employees of educational institutions (except institutions of higher education) between successive academic years or terms if the individual performed services (other than the three types described above) in the first year or term and has a reasonable assurance of performing those services in the second year or term. Most of the States have adopted this option (Table 407).

Federal law was amended by Public Law 95-19 to add another option relating to school personnel. This option permits States to provide, by law, that administrative, research and instructional employees in any educational institution and all other employees of educational institutions other than institutions of higher education will be denied benefits for any week within a term that begins during an established or customary vacation period or holiday recess if the individual performed services prior to the holiday and has a reasonable assurance of doing so after the holiday. About half of the States have adopted this option (Table 407). Federal law also permits States to deny benefits to individuals who are employed by educational service agencies and perform services in schools under the same circumstances in which school employees are denied benefits. Only Colorado, Louisiana, Minnesota, Washington and Wisconsin have adopted this provision.

450.04 Professional athletes.--Public law 94-566 amended the Federal law to require States to deny benefits to an individual between two successive sport seasons if substantially all of his services in the first season consist of participating in or preparing to participate in sports or athletic events and he has a reasonable assurance of performing similar services in the second season.

450.05 Aliens.--Public Law 94-566 also amended Federal law to require denial of benefits to certain aliens. Benefits may not be paid based on service performed by an alien unless the alien is one who (1) was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services were performed and for which the wages paid are

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used as wage credits; (2) was lawfully present in the United States to perform the services for which the wages paid are used as wage credits; or (3) was permanently residing in the United States "under color of law," including one lawfully present in the United States under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

To avoid discriminating against certain groups in the administration of this provision, Federal law requires that the information designed to identify illegal nonresident aliens must be requested of all claimants. Whether or not the individual is a permanent resident is to be decided by a preponderance of the evidence.

455 DISQUALIFICATION FOR FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION TO OBTAIN BENEFITS

All States have special disqualifications covering fraudulent misrepresentation to obtain or increase benefits (Table 409). These disqualifications from benefits are administrative penalties. In addition, the State laws contain provisions for (a) the repayment of benefits paid as the result of fraudulent claims or their deduction from potential future benefits, and (b) fines and imprisonment for willfully or intentionally misrepresenting or concealing facts which are material to a determination concerning the individual's entitlement to benefits.

455.01 Recovery provisions.--All State laws make provision for the agencies to recover benefits paid to individuals who later are found not to be entitled to them. A few States provide that, if the overpayment is without fault on the individual's part, the individual is not liable to repay the amount, but it may, at the discretion of the agency, be deducted from future benefits. Some States limit the period within which recovery may be required--1 year in Connecticut, Nevada and New Mexico; 2 years in Florida, Minnesota and North Dakota; 3 years in Indiana, Vermont, and Wyoming; 4 years in New Jersey; and 5 years in Colorado, Idaho and Kentucky. In Oregon recovery is limited to the existing benefit year and the 52 weeks immediately following. Nine States¹ provide that, in the absence of fraud, misrepresentation, or nondisclosure, the individual shall not be liable for the amount of overpayment received without fault on the individual's part where the recovery thereof would defeat the purpose of the act and be against equity and good conscience. Seven other States² provide that recovery may be waived under such conditions.

In many States the recovery of benefits paid as the result of fraud on the part of the recipient is made under the general recovery provision. Twenty-five States³ have a provision that applies specifically to benefit payments received as the result of fraudulent misrepresentation. All but a few States provide alternative methods for recovery of benefits fraudulently received; the recipient may be required to repay the amounts in cash or to have them offset against future benefits payable. New York provides that a claimant shall refund all moneys received because of misrepresentation; and Alabama, for withholding future benefits until the amount due is offset. In Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin the commission may, by civil action, recover any benefits obtained through misrepresentation.

¹/ Ariz., Ark., Calif., Fla., Hawaii, Mass., Nebr., Nev., and Wyo.

²/ Conn., Ill., La., Maine, N.Dak., S.Dak., and Wash.

³/ Ariz., Ark., Colo., Del., D.C., Fla., Hawaii, Ind., La., Maine, Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., Nev., N.H., N.Y., Ohio, Okla., Oreg., Utah, Vt., Wash., Wis., and Wyo.

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455.02 Criminal penalties.--Seven State laws (California, Georgia, Hawaii, Minnesota, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia) provide that any fraudulent misrepresentation or nondisclosure to obtain, increase, reduce, or defeat benefit payments is a misdemeanor, punishable according to the State criminal law. Under the Kansas law, anyone making a false statement or failing to disclose a material fact in order to obtain or increase benefits is guilty of theft and punishable under the general criminal statutes. These States have no specific penalties in their unemployment laws with respect to fraud in connection with a claim. They therefore rely on the general provisions of the State criminal code for the penalty to be assessed in the case of fraud. Fraudulent misrepresentation or nondisclosure to obtain or increase benefits is a felony under the Idaho and Florida laws, and larceny under the Puerto Rico law. The other States include in the law a provision for a fine (maximum \$20 to \$1,000) or imprisonment (maximum 30 days to 1 year), or both (Table 409). In a few States the penalty on the employer is greater, in some cases considerably greater, than that applicable to the claimant. Usually the same penalty applies if the employer knowingly makes a false statement or fails to disclose a material fact to avoid becoming or remaining subject to the act or to avoid or reduce contributions. New Jersey imposes a fine of \$250 to \$1,000 if an employer files a fraudulent contribution report, and imposes the same fine if an employer aids or abets an individual in obtaining more benefits than those to which the claimant is entitled. A few States provide no specific penalty for fraudulent misrepresentation or nondisclosure; in these States the general penalty is applicable (Table 408, footnote 4). The most frequent fine on the worker is \$20-\$50 and on the employer, \$20-\$200.

455.03 Disqualification for misrepresentation.--The provisions for disqualification for fraudulent misrepresentation follow no general pattern. In nine States there is a more severe disqualification when the fraudulent act results in payment of benefits; in California, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, when the claimant is convicted.

In California any claimant convicted of misrepresentation under the penalty provisions is disqualified for 1 year. In Rhode Island, and Wyoming there is no disqualification unless the claimant has been convicted of fraud by a court of competent jurisdiction. On the other hand, in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Vermont and the Virgin Islands a claimant is not subject to the administrative disqualification if penal procedures have been undertaken; in Massachusetts, administrative disqualification precludes initiation of penal procedures.

Twenty-one States include a statutory limitation on the period within which a disqualification for fraudulent misrepresentation may be imposed (Table 409, footnote 3). The length of the period is usually 2 years and, in seven States, the period runs from the date of the offense to the filing of a claim for benefits. In these States the disqualification can be imposed only if the individual files a claim for benefits within 2 years after the date of the fraudulent act. In Connecticut the disqualification may be imposed if a claim is filed within 6 years after the benefit year in which the offense occurred. In five States the disqualification may be imposed only if the determination of fraud is made within 2 or 4 years after the date of the offense.

^{1/} Idaho, Ky., La., Maine, Md., Mich., Ohio, Utah, and Vt.

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In many States the disqualification is, as would be expected, more severe than the ordinary disqualification provisions. In 16 States the disqualification is for at least a year; in others it may last longer. The provisions are difficult to compare because some disqualifications start with the date of the fraudulent act, while others begin with the discovery of the act, the determination of fraud, the date on which the individual is notified to repay the sum so received, or conviction by a court; some begin with the filing of a first claim, while others are for weeks that would otherwise be compensable. The disqualification provisions are, moreover, complicated by tie-in with recoupment provisions and by retroactive imposition.

As Table 409 shows, the cancellation of wage credits in many States means the denial of benefits for the current benefit year or longer. A disqualification for a year means that wage credits will have expired, in whole or in part, depending on the end of the benefit year and the amount of wage credits accumulated for another benefit year before the fraudulent act, so that future benefits are reduced as if there had been a provision for cancellation. In other States with discretionary provisions or shorter disqualification periods, the same result will occur for some claimants. Altogether, misrepresentation involves cancellation or reduction of benefit rights in 34 States and may involve reduction of benefit rights for individual claimants in 15 more States. The disqualification for fraudulent misrepresentation usually expires after a second benefit year, but in California it may be imposed within 3 years after the determination is mailed or served; in Ohio, within 4 years after a finding of fraud; and in Arkansas and Washington, within 2 years of such finding. In 10 States¹ the agency may deny benefits until the benefits obtained through fraud are repaid. In Virginia the denial is limited to 5 years. In Minnesota, if benefits fraudulently obtained are not repaid within 20 days from the date of notice of finding of fraud, such amounts are deducted from future benefits in the current or *any* subsequent benefit year. In Colorado, benefits are denied if an individual's court trial for commission of a fraudulent act is prevented by the inability of the court to establish its jurisdiction over the individual. Such ineligibility begins with the discovery of the fraudulent act and continues until such time as the individual makes himself available to the court for trial. In Maryland the time limit for repayment is 5 years following the date of the offense, or 1 year after the year disqualification period, whichever occurs later. After this period an individual may qualify for benefits against which any part of the repayment due may be offset. In Louisiana repayment is limited to the 5-year period following a determination of fraud--a period which may be lengthened under specified circumstances.

460 DISQUALIFYING INCOME

Practically all the State laws include a provision that a claimant is disqualified from benefits for any week during which such claimant is receiving or is seeking benefits under any Federal or other State unemployment insurance law. A few States mention specifically benefits under the Federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Under most of the laws, no disqualification is imposed if it is finally determined that the claimant is ineligible under the other law. The intent is clear--to prevent duplicate payment of benefits for the same week. It should be noted that such disqualification applies only to the week in which or for which the other payment is received.

Forty-eight States have statutory provisions that a claimant is disqualified for any week during which such claimant receives or has received certain other types of remuneration such as wages in lieu of notice, dismissal wages, worker's compensation for temporary partial disability, primary insurance benefits under old-age and survivors insurance, benefits under an employer's pension plan or under a supplemental

¹/ Idaho, Ill., Ky., La., Mich., N.H., Oreg., Utah, Va., and Vt.

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unemployment benefit plan. In many States if the payment concerned is less than the weekly benefit, the claimant receives the difference; in other States no benefits are payable for a week of such payments regardless of the amount of payment (Table 410). A few States provide for rounding the resultant benefits, like payments for weeks of partial unemployment, to even 50-cent or dollar amounts.

460.01 Wages in lieu of notice and dismissal payments.--The most frequent provision for disqualification for receipt of other income is for weeks in which the claimant is receiving wages in lieu of notice (33 States). In 11 of these States the claimant is totally disqualified for such weeks; in 22, if the payment is less than the weekly benefit amount, the claimant receives the difference. Sixteen States have the same provision for receipt of dismissal payments as for receipt of wages in lieu of notice. The State laws use a variety of terms such as dismissal allowances, dismissal payments, dismissal wages, separation allowances, termination allowances, severance payments, or some combination of these terms. In many States all dismissal payments are included as wages for contribution purposes after December 31, 1951, as they are under the FUTA. Other States continue to define wages in accordance with the FUTA prior to the 1950 amendments so as to exclude from wages dismissal payments which the employer is not legally required to make. To the extent that dismissal payments are included in taxable wages for contribution purposes, claimants receiving such payments may be considered not unemployed, or not totally unemployed, for the weeks concerned. Some States have so ruled in general counsel opinions and benefit decisions. Indiana and Minnesota specifically provide for deduction of dismissal payments whether or not legally required. However, under rulings in some States, claimants who received dismissal payments have been held to be unemployed because the payments were not made for the period following their separation from work but, instead, with respect to their prior service.

460.02 Worker's compensation payments.--Nearly half the State laws list worker's compensation under any State or Federal law as disqualifying income. Some disqualify for the week concerned; the others consider worker's compensation deductible income and reduce unemployment benefits payable by the amount of the worker's compensation payments. A few States reduce the unemployment benefit only if the worker's compensation payment is for temporary partial disability, the type of worker's compensation payment that a claimant most likely could receive while certifying ability to work. The Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, and Iowa laws state merely temporary disability. The Georgia law specifies temporary partial or temporary total disability. The Kansas provision specifies temporary total disability or permanent total disability, while the Massachusetts provision is in terms of partial or total disability but specifically excludes weekly payments received for dismemberment. The Florida, Louisiana, and Texas laws are in terms of temporary partial, temporary total, or total permanent disability. The Minnesota law specifies any compensation for loss of wages under a worker's compensation law; and Montana's provision is in terms of compensation for disability under the worker's compensation or occupational disease law of any State. California's, West Virginia's, and Wisconsin's provisions specify temporary total disability.

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460.03 Retirement payments.--The Federal law was amended by Public Law 94-566 and Public Law 95-19 to require States, beginning March 31, 1980, to reduce the weekly benefit amount of any individual by the amount, allocated weekly, of any ". . . governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or any other similar periodic payment which is based on the previous work of such individual . . ." Public Law 96-364 provided an alternative requirement to the application of the pension provision by requiring States to apply the provision only to payments made under a plan maintained or contributed to by a base-period or chargeable employer. In addition, States may disregard pension payments if the base-period employment did not affect eligibility for or increase the amount of the pension. However, Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits are deductible regardless of whether remuneration or service for a base-period or chargeable employer affected eligibility or increased the amount of the pension. Also, States are permitted to reduce benefits on less than a dollar-for-dollar basis to take into account the contributions made by the worker to the plan from which payments are made.

460.04 Supplemental unemployment payments.--A supplemental unemployment benefit plan is a system whereby, under a contract, payments are made from an employer-financed trust fund to his workers. The purpose is to provide the worker, while unemployed, with a combined unemployment insurance and supplemental unemployment benefit payment amounting to a specified proportion of his weekly earnings while employed.

There are two major types of such plans: (1) those (of the Ford-General Motors type) under which the worker has no vested interest and is eligible for payments only if he is laid off by the company; and (2) those under which the worker has a vested interest and may collect if he is out of work for other reasons, such as illness or permanent separation.

All States except New Hampshire, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and South Dakota have taken action on the question of permitting supplementation in regard to plans of the Ford-General Motors type. Of the States that have taken action, all permit supplementation without affecting unemployment insurance payments.

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In 47 States permitting supplementation, an interpretive ruling was made either by the attorney general (27 States) or by the employment security agency (10 States); in Maine, supplementation is permitted as a result of a Superior Court decision and, in the remaining 9 States¹² by amendment of the unemployment insurance statutes.

Some supplemental unemployment benefit plans of the Ford-General Motors type provide for alternative payments or substitute private payments in a State in which a ruling not permitting supplementation is issued. These payments may be made in amounts equal to three or four times the regular weekly private benefit after two or three weekly payments of State unemployment insurance benefits without supplementation; in lump sums when the layoff ends or the State benefits are exhausted (whichever is earlier); or through alternative payment arrangements to be worked out, depending on the particular supplemental unemployment benefit plan.

460.05 Relationship with other statutory provisions.--The six States¹³ which have no provision for any type of disqualifying income and the much larger number which have only one or two types do not necessarily allow benefits to all claimants in receipt of the types of payments concerned. When they do not pay benefits to such claimants, they rely upon the general able-and-available provisions or the definition of unemployment. Some workers over 65 receiving primary insurance benefits under old-age and survivors insurance are able to work and available for work and some are not. In the States without special provisions that such payments are disqualifying income, individual decisions are made concerning the rights to benefits of claimants of retirement age. Many workers receiving workmen's compensation, other than those receiving weekly allowances for dismemberment, are not able to work in terms of the unemployment insurance law. However, receipt of workmen's compensation for injuries in employment does not automatically disqualify an unemployed worker for unemployment benefits. Many States consider that evidence of injury with loss of employment is relevant only as it serves notice that a condition of ineligibility may exist and that a claimant may not be able to work and may not be available for work.

Table 410 does not include the provisions in several States listing vacation pay as disqualifying income because many other States consider workers receiving vacation pay as not eligible for benefits; several other States hold an individual eligible for benefits if he is on a vacation without pay through no fault of his own. In practically all States, as under the FUTA, vacation pay is considered wages for contribution purposes--in a few States, in the statutory definition of wages; in others, in official explanations, general counsel or attorney general opinions, interpretations, regulations, or other publications of the State agency. Thus a claimant receiving vacation pay equal to his weekly benefit amount would, by definition, not be unemployed and would not be eligible for benefits. Some of the explanations point out that vacation pay is considered wages because the employment relationship is not discontinued, and others emphasize that a claimant on vacation is not available for work. Vacation payments made at the time of severance of the employment relationship, rather than during a regular vacation shutdown, are considered disqualifying income in some States only if such payments are required under contract and are allocated to specified weeks; in other States such payments, made voluntarily or in accordance with a contract, are not considered disqualifying income.

In the States that permit a finding of availability for work during periods of approved training or retraining, some claimants may be eligible for State unemployment benefits and, at the same time, qualify for training payments under one of the Federal training programs established by Congress. Duplicate payments are not permitted under the State or Federal laws.

¹²/Alaska, Calif., Colo., Ga., Hawaii, Ind., Md., Ohio, and Va.

¹³/Ariz., Hawaii, N.Dak., S.C., and V.I.

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TABLE 400.--ABILITY TO WORK, AVAILABILITY FOR WORK, AND SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENTS

State	Able to work and available for--			Actively seeking work (37 States)	Special provision for illness or disability during unemployment ^{1/} (11 States)
	Work (32 states)	Suitable work (12 States)	Work in usual occupation or for which reasonably fitted by prior training or experience (9 States)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ala.	.....	.....	x ^{2/}	.....	.....
Alaska	.....	x ^{3/}	.....	.....	x ^{1/}
Ariz.	X	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ark.	.....	X	.....	X	.....
Calif.	x ^{3/}	.....	.....	X	.....
Colo.	.....	X	.....	X	.....
Conn.	x ^{4/}	.....	.....	X	.....
Del.	x ^{4/}	.....	.....	x ^{5/}	X
D.C.	x ^{10/}	.....	.....	x ^{9/}	.....
Fla.	X	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ga.	x ^{6/}	.....	.....	x ^{7/}	.....
Hawaii	X	.....	.....	(5)	X
Idaho ^{3/}	.....	X	.....	X	X
Ill. ^{3/}	x ^{2/}	.....	.....	X	.....
Ind. ^{3/}	X	.....	.....	X	.....
Iowa	X	.....	.....	X	.....
Kans.	.....	.....	X	X	.....
Ky.	.....	X	.....	X	.....
La.	X	.....	.....	X	.....
Maine	.....	.....	X	X	.....
Md.	X	.....	.....	x ^{2/}	x ^{1/}
Mass.	.....	.....	X	.....	x ^{1/}
Mich. ^{3/}	.....	.....	x ^{2/}	x ^{5/}	.....
Minn.	X	.....	.....	X	.....
Miss.	X	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mo.	X	.....	.....	X	.....
Mont.	X	.....	.....	X	X
Nebr.	x ^{6/8/}	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nev.	X	.....	.....	.....	X
N.H.	X	X
N.J.	x ^{6/}	X
N.Mex.	X	X
N.Y.	x ^{6/}
N.C.	x ^{6/}	x ^{5/}
N.Dak.	x ^{2/}	X	x ^{1/}
Ohio	x ^{2/}	x ^{5/}
Okla.	X	x ^{9/}
Oreg.	x ^{3/}	X
Pa.	X
P.R.	X

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TABLE 400.--ABILITY TO WORK, AVAILABILITY FOR WORK, AND
SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

State	Able to work and available for--			Actively seeking work (37 States)	Special provision for illness or disability during unemployment ^{1/} (11 States)
	Work (32 states)	Suitable work (12 States)	Work in usual occupation or for which reasonably fitted by prior training or experience (9 States)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
R.I.	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .
S.C.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X ^{2/}	X	. . . . .
S.Dak.	X _{6/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Tenn.	X _{6/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	X
Tex.	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Utah	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .
Vt.	X _{6/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	X _{9/}	X
Va.	X _{6/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
V.I.	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wash. ^{3/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	X _{6/}	X _{9/}	. . . . .
W.Va.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	X	. . . . .
Wis.	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	X _{9/}	. . . . .
Wyo.	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .

^{1/} Claimants are not ineligible if unavailable because of illness or disability occurring after filing claim and registering for work if no offer of work that would have been suitable at time of registration is refused after beginning of such disability; in Alaska waiver may not exceed 6 consec. wks; in Mass. provision is applicable for 3 weeks only in a BY; in N.Dak. only if illness not covered by workers' compensation.

^{2/} In locality where BPW's were earned or where suitable work may reasonably be expected to be available, Ala. and S.C.; where the commission finds such work available, Mich.; where suitable work is normally performed, Ohio; where opportunities for work are substantially as favorable as those in the locality from which he has moved, Ill.

^{3/} Intrastate claimant not ineligible if unavailability is caused by noncommercial fishing or hunting necessary for survival or if traveling to obtain medical services outside residence for himself, spouse or dependent if suitable work is not offered, Alaska; claimant not ineligible if unavailable 2 or 4 workdays because of death in immediate family or unlawful detention, Calif.; not unavailable if compelling personal circumstance requires absence from normal market area for less than major part of wk., Idaho; claimant in county or city work relief program not unavailable solely for that reason, Oreg. Claimant not ineligible solely because of serving on grand or petit jury, or responding to a subpoena, Calif.; not unavailable if claimant is serving as a prospective or impaneled juror, Alaska. For special provisions in other States noted concerning benefits for claimants unable to work or unavailable for part of a week, see sec. 410.

^{4/} Involuntarily retired individual eligible if registered for work, able to work, and not refusing a suitable job offer, Conn.; if available for work suitable in view of age, physical condition, and other circumstances, Del.

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5/ Employees temporarily laid off for not more than 45 days deemed available for work and actively seeking work if the employer notifies the agency that the layoff is temporary, Del., Mich., and Ohio. Individual customarily employed in seasonal employment must show that he is actively seeking work for which he is qualified by past experience or training during the nonseasonal period, N.C. Claimant must make an active search for work if he voluntarily left work because of marital obligations or approaching marriage, Hawaii.

6/ Claimant deemed available while on involuntary vacation without pay, Nebr. and N.J.; unavailable for 2 weeks or less in CY if unemployment is result of vacation, Ga. and N.C.; eligible only if he is not on a bona fide vacation, Va. Vacation shutdown pursuant to agreement or union contract is not of itself a basis for ineligibility, N.Y. and Wash. Vacation caused by plant shutdown not basis for denial of benefits if individual does not receive vacation pay for the period, Tenn.

7/ And is bona fide in the labor market, Ga. Not applicable to persons unemployed because of plant shutdown of 3 weeks or less if conditions justify, or to person 60 or over who has been furloughed and is subject to recall; blindness or severe handicap do not make a person ineligible if the person was employed by the Maryland Workshop for the Blind prior to his unemployment, Md.

8/ Receipt of nonservice connected total disability pension by veteran at age 65 or more shall not of itself preclude ability to work.

9/ Requirement not mandatory; see text, Okla., Vt., Wash., Wisc.; by judicial interpretation, D.C.

10/ Considers ineligible any individual who makes a claim for any week during which he is a prisoner in a penal or correctional institution.

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TABLE 401.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR VOLUNTARY LEAVING AND DISQUALIFICATION IMPOSED

State (1)	Benefits postponed for-- ^{3/4/}			Benefits reduced ^{4/7/}
	Fixed number of weeks ^{5/} (2)	Variable num- ber of weeks ^{5/} (3)	Duration of unemployment ^{6/} (4)	
Ala.			+10 x wba ^{4/}	6-12 x wba
Alaska	W-5 ^{4/3/}			3 x wba
Ariz.			+5 x wba	
Ark.			+30 days work	
Calif.			+5 x wba	
Colo.		WF+12-25 ^{4/}		Equal
Conn.			+10 x wba ^{9/}	
Del.			X	
D.C.		WF+6-12		Equal ^{14/}
Fla.			+17 x wba ^{4/}	
Ga.			+8 x wba	
Hawaii			+5 wks. work	
Idaho			+8 x wba	
Ill.	WF+12 ^{3/5/}		+6 x wba ^{3/}	
Ind.			+wages equal to wba in each of 8 wks.	BY 25%
Iowa.			+10 x wba ^{4/}	
Kans.	W+6			
Ky.			X ^{4/}	
La.			+10 x wba ^{4/}	
Maine			+4 x wba ^{4/9/}	
Md.		W+4-9 ^{3/4/}	+10 x wba ^{3/4/}	
Mass. ^{4/}			+4 x wba	
Mich. ^{4/}	W+13 ^{11/}			Equal-in current or succeeding BY.
Minn.			+4 x wba	
Miss.			+8 x wba	
Mo.			+10 x wba ^{4/}	
Mont.			+6 x wba ^{3/}	
Nebr.		W+7-10 ^{4/}		Equal ^{4/7/}
Nev.			+10 x wba ^{9/}	
N.H.			+3 wks. of covered work with earnings equal to 20% more than wba in each	
N.J.			+4 x wba	
N.Mex.			+5 x wba in covered work	
N.Y.			+3 days work in each of 4 wks. or \$200	
N.C.		(3)	+10 x wba earned in at least 5 wks. ^{3/}	(3)
N.Dak.			+5 x wba	

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TABLE 401.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR VOLUNTARY LEAVING
AND DISQUALIFICATION IMPOSED (CONTINUED)

State (1)	Benefits postponed for-- <u>3/4/</u>			Benefits reduced <u>4/7/</u> (5)
	Fixed number of weeks <u>5/</u> (2)	Variable num- ber of weeks <u>5/</u> (3)	Duration of unemployment ^{6/} (4)	
Ohio	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 wks in covered work ^{4/12/}	. . . . .
Okla.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba	. . . . .
Oreg.	W+8 <u>3/4/</u>	. . . . .	+wba in each of 4 wks. ^{3/4/}	. . . . .
Pa.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 x wba	. . . . .
P.R.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba	. . . . .
R.I.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+4 wks. of work in each of which he earned at least 20 x min. hrly wage.	. . . . .
S.C.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+8 x wba	. . . . .
S.Dak.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 wks in covered work and wages equal to wba in each wk. <u>4/</u>	. . . . .
Tenn.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba in covered work	. . . . .
Tex.	. . . . .	1-25 <u>5/6/</u>	. . . . .	Equal <u>6/</u>
Utah	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 x wba	. . . . .
Vt.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+ in excess of 6 x wba ^{10/}	. . . . .
Va.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+30 days' work	. . . . .
V.I.	W+6 <u>3/</u>	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wash.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+wba in each of 5 wks.	. . . . .
W.Va. <u>4/</u>	W+6 <u>4/</u>	. . . . .	. . . . .	Equal <u>10/</u>
Wis. <u>4/</u>	(10)(13)	. . . . .	+4 wks. work and wages of \$200	. . . . .
Wyo.	WF+7	. . . . .	. . . . .	Equal

^{3/} In Ill. claimant with wages in 3 or 4 quarters of BP is disqualified for 12 wks. or until bona fide work accepted with wages equal to 6 x wba, if earlier; claimant with wages in 1 or 2 quarters is disqualified until 6 x wba in earnings subject to FICA received. In Alaska, disqualification is terminated if claimant returns to work and earns at least 8 x wba. In Mont., disqualification is terminated after claimant attends school for 3 consecutive months and is otherwise eligible. In Md., either disqualification may be imposed at discretion of agency. However, satisfaction of type not assessed does not serve to end assessed disqualification. In Oreg., disqualification may be satisfied if claimant has in 8 wks. registered for work, been able and available for work, actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work. In N.C., the Commission may reduce permanent disqualification to a time certain but not less than 5 wks. When permanent disqualification changed to time certain, benefits shall be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the number of weeks of disqualification by wba. In the V.I., claimant is disqualified for the week of occurrence and the next 6 wks. or for the period of unemployment immediately following separation, whichever ends sooner.

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4/ Disqualifications applicable to other than last separation as indicated: preceding separation may be considered if last employment not considered bona fide work, Ala.; when employment or time period subsequent to separation does not satisfy potential disqualification, Alaska, Fla., Iowa, La., Md., Mass., Mo., Ohio, and Oreg.; to most recent previous separation if last work was not in usual trade or intermittent, Maine; if employment was less than 30 days unless on an additional claim, S.Dak., and W.Va.; reduction or forfeiture of benefits applicable to separations from any BP employer, Nebr.; to next most recent ER if last work is less than 4 weeks and not bona fide, Colo.. In Mich. and Wis. benefits computed separately for each ER to be charged. When an ER's account becomes chargeable, reason for separation from that ER is considered. Disqualification may be waived if all other requirements are met during 8 wks. subsequent to wk. disqualification occurred, Oreg.. Excludes from most recent work seasonal, intermittent or temporary work so that disqualification may apply to other than last separation, Ky..

5/ W means wk. of occurrence; WF, wk. of filing; and WW, waiting wk. except that disqualification begins with: wk. following filing of claim, Tex.; wks. in which claimant meets able-and-available requirements, Ill..

6/ Reduction in benefits because of a single act shall not reduce potential benefits to less than 1 wk., Tex..

7/ "Equal" indicates reduction equal to wba multiplied by number of wks. of disqualification or, in Nebr., the number of wks. chargeable to ER involved, if less. "Optional" indicates reduction at discretion of agency.

9/ Disqualified for duration of unemployment if voluntarily retired or retired as a result of recognized ER policy under which he receives pension and until claimant earns 6 x wba, Maine. Disqualification for duration of unemployment if voluntarily retired and until claimant earns 8 x wba, Kans. Disqualified for W+4 if individual voluntarily left most recent work to enter self-employment, Nev.. Voluntary retiree disqualified for the duration of unemployment and until 40 x wba is earned, Conn..

10/ Disqualified for 1-6 wks. if health precludes discharge of duties of work left, Vt.. Deduction recredited if individual returns to covered employment for 30 days in BY, W.Va.. Duration disqualification not applied if claimant left employment because of transfer to work paying less than 2/3 immediately preceding wage rate; however, claimant ineligible for the week of termination and the 4 next following weeks, Wis..

11/ In each of the 13 wks. claimant must earn at least \$25.01 or otherwise meet all eligibility requirements, Mich..

12/ And earned wages equal to 3 x aww or \$360, whichever is less, Ohio.

13/ May receive benefits based on previous employment provided claimant maintained a temporary residence near place of employment and, as a result of a reduction in hours, returned to permanent residence, Wis..

14/ Effective January 1, 1980, benefits payable to an individual subsequent to a disqualification will be reduced by 10 percent of the amount of benefits paid during the preceding year exceeds the contributions and interest paid into the fund during the same period and the City Council does not disapprove the lower payments, D.C..

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TABLE 401.1--GOOD CAUSE FOR VOLUNTARY LEAVING INCLUDES

State	Compulsory retirement	To accept other work	Claimant's illness	To join armed Forces	Good cause Restricted ^{5/}
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ala.	.....	x ^{2/}	x	.....	x ^{5/}
Alaska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ariz.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Ark.	x ^{1/}	.....	x ^{4/}	.....	x ^{5/}
Calif.	x ^{1/}	.....	x ^{4/}	.....	x ^{5/}
Colo.	.....	x	x ^{4/}	.....	x ^{5/}
Conn.	.....	x ^{2/3/}	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Del.	.....	.....	x	.....	x ^{5/}
D.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Fla.	.....	x ^{2/}	x	.....	x ^{5/}
Ga.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x
Hawaii	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ill.	x ^{1/}	x ^{3/}	x ^{4/}	.....	x
Ind.	x ^{1/}	x ^{3/}	x ^{4/}	x	x ^{5/}
Iowa	.....	x ^{2/}	x ^{4/}	.....	x ^{5/}
Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ky.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
La.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Maine	.....	.....	x	.....	x ^{5/}
Md.	x ^{1/}	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Mass.	x ^{1/}	x ^{2/3/}	(4)	.....	x ^{5/}
Mich.	.....	x ^{3/}	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Minn.	x	x	x ^{4/}	.....	x ^{5/}
Miss.	x ^{1/}	x ^{2/}	.....	.....	(5) ^{5/}
Mo.	x ^{1/}	x ^{2/}	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
Mont.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebr.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nev.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x ^{5/}
N.H.	.....	.....	(By regulation)	.....	x ^{5/}
N.J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x
N.Mex.	.....	.....	.....	.....	x
N.Y.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N.C.	x
N.Dak.	x
Ohio	x ^{3/}	x
Okla.	x
Oreg.
Pa.
P.R.	x ^{1/}
R.I.	x ^{1/}
S.C.
S.Dak.	x ^{5/}
Tenn.	x	x	x ^{5/}
Texas	x ^{5/}
Utah

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TABLE 401.1--GOOD CAUSE FOR VOLUNTARY LEAVING INCLUDES (CONTINUED)

State	Compulsory retirement	To accept other work	Claimant's illness	To join armed forces	Good cause restricted ^{5/}
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Vt.	X	.....	X ^{5/}
Va.
Wash.	X ^{2/}	.....	.....	X ^{5/}
W.Va.	X ^{4/}	.....	X ^{5/}
Wis.	X ^{4/}	.....	X ^{5/}
Wyo.

^{1/}Compulsory retirement provision of a collective bargaining agreement, Calif., Ind., and Mo.; notwithstanding claimant's prior assent to establishment of program, Mass.; pursuant to a public or private plan, R.I.

^{2/}If individual, on layoff from regular ER, quits other work to return to regular employment.

^{3/}If left to accept permanent full-time work with another ER or to accept recall from a former ER, Mich.; if left to accept better permanent full-time work, or if employed by two ER's but leaves one ER and remains employed with the other ER, and works at least 10 weeks, and loses job under nondisqualifying circumstances, Ind.; if left to return to regular apprenticeable trade, Conn.; if left in good faith to accept new, permanent full-time work from which subsequent separation was for good cause attributable to the ER, Mass.. In Ohio, disqualification will not apply if left to accept recall from a prior ER for whom the individual has worked for a total of at least 5 years. An individual who accepts recall from a prior ER for whom he has worked for less than 5 yrs., or who accepts other covered work within 7 days, will not be disqualified if he works at least 3 wks. and earns lesser of 1-1/2 times his aww or \$180; if left to accept other bona fide work that he hold for at least 2 weeks or that pays him at least twice his weekly benefit amount, Ill..

^{4/}Exceptions also made for separations for compelling personal reasons, Ark.; and illness of a spouse, dependent child, or other members of the immediate family, Colo., Ill., Iowa, Wisc.; may include drug dependency, Minn.; if reason for leaving was for such urgent, compelling and necessitous nature as to make separation involuntary, Mass..

^{5/}Good cause restricted to that connected with the work or attributable to the ER, except as noted. In States without a restricted good cause, the exceptions to disqualification shown in this table are statutory. In N.H., restricted good cause is provided by regulation. In Miss. marital, filial, domestic reasons are not considered good cause.

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TABLE 402.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT^{1/}
(SEE TABLE 403 FOR DISQUALIFICATION FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT)

State	Benefits postponed for ^{2/3/}			Benefits reduced or canceled ^{3/6/} (14 States)	Disqualification for disciplinary suspension (6 States)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{4/} (11 States)	Variable number of weeks ^{4/} (13 States)	Duration of unemployment ^{5/} (34 States)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ala. ^{12/}	• • • ^{3/2/} • •	W+2-6 ^{3/}	• • • • •	Equal	W+1-3
Alaska ^{1/}	W+5 ^{4/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	3 x wba	• • • • •
Ariz.	WF+10 ^{4/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	8 x wba	• • • • •
Ark.	WF+8	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
Calif.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+5 x wba ^{2/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Colo. ^{1/}	• • • • •	WF+12-25	• • • • •	Equal ^{3/13/}	• • • • •
Conn.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+10 x wba	• • • • •	• • • • •
Del.	• • • • •	• • • • •	X	• • • • •	• • • • •
D.C.	• • • • •	W+4-9	• • • • •	Equal ^{12/}	• • • • •
Fla. ^{1/}	• • • • •	W+1-52 ^{2/3/}	+17 x wba ^{2/3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Ga. ^{1/}	• • • • •	WF+4-11	• • • • •	Equal	• • • • •
Hawaii	• • • • •	• • • • •	+5 wks. work	• • • • •	• • • • •
Idaho	• • • • •	• • • • •	+8 x wba ^{3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Ill.	WF+10 ^{2/4/}	• • • • •	+5xwba in bona fide work ^{2/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Ind.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+wages equal to wba in each of 8 wks.	By 25%	• • • • •
Iowa ^{1/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	+10 x wba	• • • • •	• • • • •
Kans.	W+6	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
Ky.	• • • • •	• • • • •	X ^{3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
La.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+10 x wba ^{3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Maine	• • • • •	• • • • •	+4 x wba	• • • • •	• • • • •
Md. ^{1/}	• • • • •	W+4-9 ^{3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
Mass.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+4 x wba ^{3/}	• • • • •	• • • • •
Mich.	W+13 ^{2/9/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	Equal-in current or subsequent BY.	Duration
Minn.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+4 x wba	• • • • •	• • • • •
Miss.	• • • • •	W+1-12	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
Mo. ^{1/}	• • • • •	WF+1-16 ^{3/4/}	• • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • •
Mont.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+wages equal to wba in each of 8 wks.	• • • • •	• • • • •
Nebr.	• • • • •	W+7-10 ^{3/}	• • • • •	Equal ^{3/}	• • • • •
Nev.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+wages equal to wba in each of 15 wks.	• • • • •	• • • • •
N.H.	• • • • •	• • • • •	+3 wks. work in each of which earned 20% more than wba	• • • • •	Duration

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TABLE 402.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT^{1/} (CONTINUED)
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State	Benefits postponed for ^{2/3/}			Benefits reduced or canceled ^{3/6/} (14 States)	Disqualification for disciplinary suspension (6 States)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{4/} (11 States)	Variable number of weeks ^{4/} (13 States)	Duration of unemployment ^{5/} (34 States)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
N.J.	W+5	.....	.....	.....	.....
N.Mex.	.....	.....	+5 x wba in covered work	.....	.....
N.Y.	.....	.....	+3 days work in each of 4 wks. or \$200	.....	.....
N.C.	.....	(2)	+10 x wba earned in at least 10 wks. ^{2/}	(2)	.....
N.Dak.	.....	.....	+10 x wba ^{2/}	.....	Duration
Ohio	.....	.....	+6 wks in covered work ^{3/11/}	.....	Duration
Okla. ^{1/}	.....	.....	+10 x wba	.....	.....
Oreg. ^{1/}	W+8 ^{2/3/}	.....	+ wages equal to wba in each ^{2/} of 4 wks. ^{3/}	.....	.....
Pa. ^{1/}	.....	.....	+6 x wba	.....	.....
P.R. ^{1/}	.....	.....	+10 x wba	.....	.....
R.I.	.....	.....	+20 x min hourly wage in each of 4 wks.	.....	.....
S.C.	.....	WF+5-26	.....	.....	.....
S.Dak. ^{1/}	.....	.....	+6 wks in covered work and wages equal to wba in each wk. ^{3/}	.....	.....
Tenn.	.....	.....	+5 x wba	.....	.....
Tex.	.....	WF+1-26 ^{4/}	.....	Equal	.....
Utah	.....	.....	+6 x wba in covered work	.....	.....
Vt.	.....	WF+6-12 ^{4/}	.....	.....	.....
Va.	.....	.....	+30 days' work	.....	.....
V.I.	W+6 ^{2/}	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash. ^{1/}	.....	.....	+ wages equal to wba in each of 5 wks.	.....	.....
W.Va.	W+6 ^{3/}	Equal ^{10/}
Wis.	W+3 ^{2/}	(9)	Benefit rights based on any work involved ^{9/} canceled	(7)

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TABLE 402.—DISQUALIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT^{1/} (CONTINUED)
(SEE TABLE 403 FOR DISQUALIFICATION FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT)

State	Benefits postponed for ^{2/3/}			Benefits reduced or canceled ^{3/6/} (14 States)	Disqualification for disciplinary suspension (6 States)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{4/} (11 States)	Variable number of weeks ^{4/} (13 States)	Duration of unemployment ^{5/} (34 States)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wyo.	+ qualifying wages	All accrued benefits forfeited	.....

^{1/} In States noted, the disqualification for disciplinary suspensions is the same as that for discharge for misconduct.

^{2/} In Fla., both the term and the duration-of-unemployment disqualifications are imposed. In Ill., claimant with wages in 3 or 4 quarters of BP is disqualified for 10 weeks or until accepts bona fide work with wages equal to 5 x wba, if earlier; claimant with wages in 1 or 2 quarters is disqualified until 6 x wba is earned subject to FICA. In Alaska, disqualification is terminated if claimant returns to work and earns 8 x wba. In N.H., disqualification is terminated if either condition is satisfied. In Oreg., disqualification may be satisfied if claimant has in 8 weeks registered for work, been able to and available for work, actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work. In N.Car., the Commission may reduce permanent disqualification to a time certain but not less than 5 weeks. When permanent disqualification changed to time certain, benefits shall be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the number of weeks of disqualification by wba. In the V.I., claimant is disqualified for the week of occurrence and the next six weeks or for the period of unemployment immediately following separations, whichever ends sooner.

^{3/} Disqualification applicable to other than last separation as indicated: preceding separation may be considered if last employment is not considered bona fide work, Ala.; when employment or time period subsequent to the separation does not satisfy a potential disqualification; Alaska; Fla.; Idaho; La.; Md.; Mass.; Mo.; Ohio, and Oreg.; disqualification applicable to last 30-day employing unit on new claims and to most recent employer on additional claims, S.Dak. and W.Va.. Reduction or forfeiture of benefits applicable to separations from any BP employer, Nebr. In Mich. and Wis., benefits computed separately for each employer to be charged. When an employer's account becomes chargeable, reason for separation from that employer is considered. Postponement of benefits and reduction of benefits may be applicable to next most recent employer if last employment is less than 4 weeks and not bona fide, Colo. Excludes from most recent work seasonal, intermittent or temporary work so that disqualification may apply to other than last separation, Ky.

^{4/} W means week of discharge or week of suspension in column 6 and WF means week of filing except that disqualification period begins with: week for which claimant first registers for work, Calif.; week following filing of claim, Ariz., Okla., Tex., and Vt. Weeks of disqualification must be: otherwise compensable weeks, Mo., S.Dak., weeks in which claimant is otherwise eligible or earns wages equal to wba, Ark.; weeks in which claimant meets able-and-available requirements, Ill.; weeks in which claimant is otherwise eligible or earns wages of \$25.01, Mich. Disqualification may run into next BY, Mich.

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5/ Figures show minimum employment or wages required to requalify for benefits.

6/ "Equal" indicates a reduction equal to the wba multiplied by the number of wks. of disqualification or, in Nebr., by the number of wks. chargeable to ER involved, whichever is less.

7/ Disqualified for each wk. of suspension plus 3 wks. if connected with employment, first 3 wks. of suspension for other good cause, and each wk. when employment is suspended or terminated because a legally required license is suspended or revoked, Wis.

9/ Claimant may be eligible for benefits based on wage credits earned subsequent to disqualification, Mich. and Wis.

10/ Deduction reccredited if individual returns to covered employment for 30 days in BY, W.Va.

11/ And earned wages equal to 3 x aww or \$360, whichever is less, Ohio.

12/ An individual discharged for deliberate misconduct connected with the work after repeated warnings is ineligible for the duration of unemployment and until claimant has earned 10 x wba and the total benefit amount reduced by 6-12 weeks, Ala.

13/ Reduction in benefits because of a single act shall not reduce potential benefits to less than one week, Colo.

14/ Effective January 1, 1980, benefits payable to an individual subsequent to a disqualification will be reduced by 10 percent if the amount of benefits paid during the preceding year exceeds the contributions and interest paid into the fund during the same period and the City Council does not disapprove the lower payments, D.C..

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TABLE 403.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT
(SEE TABLE 402 FOR MISCONDUCT)

State (1)	Benefits postponed for ^{2/}			Benefits reduced or canceled (17 States) (5)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{2/} (5 States) (2)	Variable num- ber of weeks ^{2/} (5 States) (3)	Duration of unemployment (10 States) (4)	
Ala.	.....	.....	x ^{2/}	Wages earned from ER involved canceled.
Ark.	.....	.....	+10 wks of work in each of which he earned his wba.	.....
Colo.	26	.....	.....	Equal
Fla.	.....	Up to 52	+10 x wba	.....
Ill.	.....	.....	.....	Wages earned from any ER canceled ^{2/} .
Ind.	.....	.....	.....	Wages earned from ER involved canceled. ^{2/}
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	All prior wage credits canceled.
Kans.	.....	.....	+8 x wba.	.....
Ky.	.....	.....	X	.....
La.	.....	.....	+10 x wba. ^{2/}	Wages earned from ER involved canceled. ^{2/}
Md.	..... ^{6/}	.....	+10 x wba.	.....
Mich.	W+13 ^{6/}	.....	.....	Equal - in current or succeeding BY.
Minn.	.....	.....	+4 x wba ^{1/}	..... ^{5/}
Mo.	.....	WF+1-16 ^{2/5/}	.....	Optional. ^{5/}
Mont.	12 months	.....	.....	Equal.
Nebr.	.....	.....	.....	All prior wage credits canceled.
Nev.	.....	.....	.....	Ben. rights based on any work involved ^{3/} canceled. ^{3/}
N.H.	.....	W+4-26 ^{3/}	.....	All prior wage credits canceled.
N.Y.	12 months ^{2/}	.....	.....	.....
N.Dak.	One year	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	.....	.....	.....	Ben. rights based on any work invol- ved canceled ^{2/} .
Oreg.	.....	.....	.....	All prior wage credits canceled.
S.C.	WF+5-26	Optional equal.
Tenn.	All prior wage credits canceled.
Utah	W+13-49

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TABLE 403.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT (CONTINUED)
(SEE TABLE 402 FOR MISCONDUCT)

State (1)	Benefits postponed for ^{2/}			Benefits reduced or canceled .17 States) (5)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{2/} (5 States) (2)	Variable num- ber of weeks ^{2/} (5 States) (3)	Duration of unemployment (10 States) (4)	
Vt.	+in excess of 6 x wba.	. . . . .
Wash.	All prior wage credits canceled. ^{3/}
W.Va.	+30 days in covered work. ^{2/}	. . . . .

^{1/} In Minn., at discretion of commissioner, disqualification for gross misconduct until he has earned four times his wba in insured work, or for the remainder of the BY and cancellation of part or all wage credits from the last ER.

^{2/} W means wk. of discharge and WF means wk. of filing claim. Applies to other than most recent separation from bona fide work only if ER files timely notice alleging disqualifying act, Ala. Disqualification applicable to other than last separation, as indicated: from beginning of BP, La. and Ohio if unemployed because of dishonesty in connection with employment; within 1 yr. preceding a claim, Mo. No days of unemployment deemed to occur for following 12 months if claimant is convicted or signs statement admitting act which constitutes a felony in connection with employment, N.Y. Reduction or forfeiture of benefits applicable to either most recent work or last 30-day employing unit, W.Va.

^{3/} If discharged for intoxication or use of drugs which interferes with work, 4-26 wks.; for arson, sabotage, felony, or dishonesty, all prior wage credits canceled, N.H. If discharged for assault, arson, sabotage, grand larceny, embezzlement or wanton destruction of property in connection with work, claimant shall be denied benefits based on wages earned from that employer if admitted in writing or under oath or in a hearing of record or has resulted in a conviction, Nev. If discharged for a felony of which convicted or has admitted committing and is work connected all base year credits earned in any employment prior to discharge shall be canceled, Wash.

^{4/} Benefit rights held in abeyance pending result of legal proceedings; if gross misconduct constitutes a felony or misdemeanor and is admitted by the individual or has resulted in conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, Ill. and Ind.

^{5/} Option taken by the agency to cancel all or part of wages depends on seriousness of misconduct. Only wage credits canceled are those based on work involved in misconduct.

^{6/} In each of the wks. the claimant must either earn at least \$25.01 or otherwise meet all eligibility requirements. Claimant may be eligible for benefits based on wage credits earned subsequent to disqualification.

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TABLE 404.—REFUSAL OF SUITABLE WORK

State (1)	Benefits postponed for— <u>1/2/</u>			Benefits reduced ^{2/5/} (14 States) (5)	Alternative earnings requirement (4 States) (6)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{3/} (13 States) (2)	Variable number of weeks ^{3/} (12 States) (3)	Duration of unemployment ^{4/} (32 States) (4)		
Ala.	.....	W+1-10	.....	.....	.....
Alaska	W+5	.....	.....	3 x wba	8 x wba
Ariz.	.....	.....	+8 x wba	.....	.....
Ark.	W+8 ^{3/}	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calif.	.....	W+1-9 ^{3/6/}	.....	.....	.....
Colo.	W+20	.....	.....	Equal	.....
Conn.	.....	.....	+6 x wba	.....	.....
Del.	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
D.C.	.....	W+4-9	.....	Equal	.....
Fla.	.....	W+1-5 ^{1/14/}	+17 x wba ^{1/}	Optional ^{14/} 1-3 x wba	.....
Ga.	.....	.....	+8 x wba	.....	.....
Hawaii	.....	.....	+5 wks. work	.....	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	+8 x wba	.....	.....
Ill.	W+10 ^{1/3/}	.....	+5xwba in bona fide work ^{1/}	.....	.....
Ind.	.....	.....	+wages equal to wba in each of 8 wks.	By 25%	.....
Iowa	.....	.....	+10 x wba	.....	.....
Kans.	W+6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ky.	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
La.	.....	.....	+10 x wba	.....	.....
Maine	.....	.....	+8 x wba ^{8/}	.....	.....
Md.	.....	W+4-9 ^{1/}	.....	.....	10 x wba ^{1/}
Mass.	W+7 ^{3/}	.....	.....	(12)	.....
Mich.	W+6 ^{3/}	.....	.....	Equal - in current or succeeding BY ^{7/}	.....
Minn.	.....	.....	+4 x wba	.....	.....
Miss.	.....	W+1-12	.....	.....	.....
Mo.	.....	.....	+10 x wba ^{2/}	.....	.....
Mont.	.....	.....	+wages equal to wba in each of 6 wks.	Equal	.....
Nebr.	.....	W+7-10 ^{3/}	.....	Equal	.....
Nev.	.....	W+1-15 ^{3/}	.....	.....	.....
N.H.	W+3	.....	.....	.....	.....
N.J.	W+3	.....	.....	.....	.....
N.Mex.	W+1-13	Equal
N.Y.	+3 days' work in each of 4 wks. or \$200.
N.C.	(13)	+10 x wba earned in at least 5 wks.	(13)

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TABLE 404.--REFUSAL OF SUITABLE WORK (CONTINUED)

State (1)	Benefits postponed for-- ^{1/2/}			Benefits reduced ^{2/5/} (14 States)	Alternative earnings requirement (4 States) (6)
	Fixed number of weeks ^{3/} (13 States) (2)	Variable number of weeks ^{3/} (12 States) (3)	Duration of unemployment ^{4/} (32 States) (4)		
N.Dak.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba	. . . . .	10 x wba ^{1/}
Ohio	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 wks. in covered work ^{10/}	. . . . .	. . . . .
Okla.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba	. . . . .	. . . . .
Oreg.	W+8 ^{1/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4 wks. of work in each of which he earned his wba.
Pa.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	. . . . .
P.R.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+10 x wba	. . . . .	. . . . .
R.I.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+20 x minimum hourly wage in each of 4 wks.	. . . . .	. . . . .
S.C.	W+4	. . . . .	(6)	Optional equal ^{11/}	. . . . .
S.Dak.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 wks of cov. work and wages equal to wba in each wk.	. . . . .	. . . . .
Tenn.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+5 x wba in covered work	. . . . .	. . . . .
Tex.	. . . . .	W+1-13 ^{2/}	. . . . .	Equal ^{2/11/}	. . . . .
Utah	. . . . .	. . . . .	+6 x wba ^{8/}	. . . . .	. . . . .
Vt.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+in excess of 6 x wba	. . . . .	. . . . .
Va.	. . . . .	. . . . .	+30 days' work	. . . . .	. . . . .
V.I.	W+6 ^{3/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wash.	Earnings equal to wba in each of 5 wks.
W.Va.	W+4 ^{9/}
Wis.	Earnings equal to \$200 in 4 wks. ^{8/}
Wyo.	WF+7	Equal

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(Footnotes for Table 404)

1/ In Fla. both the term and the duration-of-unemployment disqualifications are imposed. In Ill. claimant disqualified for 10 wks. or until bona fide work accepted with wages equal to 5 x the wba, if earlier. In Md. either disqualification may be imposed at discretion of agency. However, satisfaction of type not assessed does not serve to end assessed disqualification. In N.Dak. disqualification is terminated if either condition is satisfied. In Oreg. disqualification may be satisfied if claimant has in 8 wks. registered for work, been able to and available for work, actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work.

2/ Disqualification is applicable to refusals during other than current period of unemployment as indicated: within 1 yr., Mo.; within current BY, Tex.

3/ W means wk. of refusal of suitable work and WF means wk. of filing. Wks. of disqualification must be: wks. in which claimant is otherwise eligible or earns wages equal to wba, Ark.; wks. in which claimant earns at least \$25.01 or otherwise meets eligibility requirements, Mich.; wks. in which claimant meets reporting and registration requirements, Calif., and able and available requirements, Ill. Disqualification may run into next BY, Nev.; into next BY which begins within 12 months after end of current yr., N.C. "Weeks of employment" means all those weeks within each of which the individual has worked for not less than 2 days or 4 hrs./wk., Hawaii. Disqualification for week of occurrence and next 6 weeks or for period of unemployment whichever ends sooner, V.I.

4/ Figures show min. employment or wages required to requalify for benefits.

5/ "Equal" indicates a reduction equal to the wba multiplied by the number of wks. of disqualification. "Optional" indicates reduction at discretion of agency.

6/ Agency may add 1-8 wks. more for successive disqualifications, Calif. Claimant may be disqualified for repeated refusals until 8 x wba is earned, S.C.

7/ Claimant may be eligible for benefits based on wage credits earned subsequent to refusal, Mich.

8/ If claimant has refused work for a necessitous and compelling reason, disqualification terminates when such claimant is again able and available for work, Maine. Not disqualified if reasons for such refusal were under circumstances of such a nature that disqualification would be contrary to equity and good conscience, Utah. Not disqualified if accepts work which claimant could have refused with good cause and then terminates with good cause within 10 wks. after starting work, Wis.

9/ Plus such additional wks. as offer remains open, W.Va.

10/ And earned wages equal to 3 x aww or \$360, whichever is less, Ohio.

11/ Reduction in benefits because of a single act does not reduce potential benefits to less than 1 wk., Tex., 2 wks., S.C.

12/ Plus benefits may be reduced for as many weeks as the director shall determine from the circumstances of each case, not to exceed eight weeks, Mass.

13/ In N.Car. the Commission may reduce permanent disqualification to a time certain but not less than 5 weeks. When permanent disqualification changed to time certain, benefits shall be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the number of weeks of disqualification by wba.

14/ Aliens who refuse resettlement or relocation employment are disqualified 1-17 wks. or reduction by not more than 5 weeks, Fla.

TABLE 405.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED BY LABOR DISPUTE

State	Duration of disqualification			Disputes excluded if caused by--			Individuals are excluded if neither they nor any of the same grade or class are--		
	During stoppage of work due to dispute (28 States)	While dispute in active progress (12 States)	Other (13 States)	Employer's failure to conform to--		Lock-out (17 States)	Participating in dispute (44 States)	Financing dispute (30 States)	Directly interested in dispute (44 States)
				Contract (5 States)	Labor law (6 States)				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Ala.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Alaska	X	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	. . . .	X	. . . .	X
Ariz.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{1/}	X	X	. . . .	X	X	X
Ark.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{2/}	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{3/}	X	. . . .	X
Calif.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{10/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Colo.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{2/}	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X	X
Conn.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{1/}	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X	X
Del.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
D.C.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	. . . .	X
Fla.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Ga.	X ^{11/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X	X
Hawaii	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	. . . .	X
Idaho	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{1/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X ^{4/}	X
Ill.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Ind.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{2/9/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Iowa	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{2/}	X	X ^{2/}
Kans.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Ky.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
La.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{4/}	. . . .	X ^{4/}
Maine	X ^{5/}	X	X	X	X	X
Md.	X ^{5/11/}	X	X	X	X
Mass.	X ^{5/11/}	X	X	X
Mich.	X ^{2/}	X ^{10/}	X ^{4/}	X ^{4/}	X ^{4/}
Minn.	X	X	X	X	X ^{12/}	X ^{12/}
Miss.	X	X	X	X

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TABLE 405.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED BY LABOR DISPUTE (CONTINUED)

State	Duration of disqualification			Disputes excluded if caused by--			Individuals are excluded if neither they nor any of the same grade or class are--		
	During stoppage of work due to dispute (28 States)	While dispute in active progress (12 States)	Other (13 States)	Employer's failure to conform to--		Lock-out (17 States)	Participating in dispute (44 States)	Financing dispute (30 States)	Directly interested in dispute (44 States)
				Contract (5 States)	Labor law (6 States)				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Mo.	X ^{2/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Mont.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	. . . .	X	X	X
Nebr.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Nev.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
N.H.	X ^{2/5/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
N.J.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
N.Mex.	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	. . . .	X
N.Y.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{1/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
N.C.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{6/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
N.Dak.	X	. . . .	X ^{2/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Ohio	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{1/10/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	. . . .	X
Oklā.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	. . . .	X
Oreg.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
Pa.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	. . . .	X
P.R.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{4/}	. . . .	X ^{4/}
R.I.	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{6/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{4/}	X ^{4/}	X
S.C.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X
S.Dak.	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X	X	X	X
Tenn.	. . . .	X	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{7/}	. . . .	X ^{7/}
Tex.	X ^{7/}	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	X ^{7/}	X ^{7/}	X ^{7/}
Utah	X ^{5/10/}	X	X ^{3/}	(2)
Vt.	X	X ^{4/}	X ^{4/}	X ^{4/}
Va.	X ^{2/}	X	X	X
V.I.	X	X	X
Wash.	X ^{11/}	X	X	X
W.Va.	X ^{11/}	X ^{8/}	X	X	X	X
Wis.	X
Wyo.	X	X	X	X

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- 1/ So long as unemployment is caused by existence of labor dispute.
- 2/ See text for details.
- 3/ By judicial construction of statutory language.
- 4/ Applies only to individual, not to others of same grade or class.
- 5/ Disqualification is not applicable if claimant subsequently obtains covered employment and: earns 8 x wba or has been employed 5 full wks., Maine; earns at least \$1,200, Mass.; works at least 5 consec. wks. in each of which claimant earned 120% of wba, N.H.; earns \$700 with at least \$20 in each of 19 different calendar wks., Utah. However, BPW earned from ER involved in the labor dispute cannot be used to pay benefits during such labor dispute, Mass. and Utah.
- 6/ Fixed period: 7 consec. wks. and the waiting period or until termination of dispute, N.Y.; 6 wks. and waiting period, R.I. See Table 303 for waiting period requirements.
- 7/ So long as unemployment is caused by claimant's stoppage of work which exists because of labor dispute. Failure or refusal to cross picket line or to accept and perform available and customary work in the establishment constitutes participation and interest.
- 8/ Disqualification is not applicable if employees are required to accept wages, hours, or other conditions substantially less favorable than those prevailing in the locality or are denied the right of collective bargaining.
- 9/ Disqualification not applicable to any claimant who failed to apply for or accept recall to work with an ER during a labor dispute work stoppage if claimant's last separation from ER occurred prior to work stoppage and was permanent.
- 10/ Applicable only to establishments functionally integrated with the establishments where the lockout occurs, Mich. Employee not ineligible: unless the lockout results from demands of employees as distinguished from an ER effort to deprive the employees of some advantage they already possess, Colo.; if individual was laid off and not recalled prior to the dispute, if separated prior to the dispute, if obtained bona fide job with another ER while dispute was in progress, Ohio; if the ER was involved in fomenting the strike, Utah.
- 11/ Disqualification ceases: when operations have been resumed but individual has not been reemployed, Ga.; within 1 wk. following termination of dispute if individual is not recalled to work, Mass. If the stoppage of work continues longer than 4 wks. after the termination of the labor dispute, there is a rebuttable presumption that the stoppage is not due to the labor dispute and the burden is on the ER to show otherwise, W.Va.
- 12/ Disqualification limited to 1 wk. for individuals not participating in nor directly interested in dispute.

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TABLE 406.--DISQUALIFICATION PROVISIONS FOR MARITAL OBLIGATIONS - 12 STATES

State	Disqualification if voluntarily left work to			Benefits denied until	
	Marry (7 States)	Move with spouse (7 States)	Perform marital, domestic, or filial obligations (8 States)	Subsequently employed in bona fide work (1 State)	Had employment or earnings for time or amount specified (10 States)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Colo. ^{1/}	X	(?)	. . . . .	. . . . .	(2)
Idaho ^{6/}	X	X	X	. . . . .	8 x wba ^{3/}
Kans. ^{6/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	8 x wba
Md.	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Miss. ^{1/}	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	8 x wba
Nev. ^{1/}	X	X	X	X	. . . . .
N.Y.	X	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	\$200 ^{4/}
Ohio	X	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	\$60 ^{4/}
Oreg.	X	X	X	. . . . .	(5)
Va.	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	. . . . .	+30 days work
Wash.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	wba in each of
W.Va.	X	. . . . .	X	. . . . .	5 wks. ^{4/} 30 days ^{3/}

^{1/} Not applicable if sole or major support of family at time of leaving and filing a claim, Nev.; if claimant becomes main support of self and family, Idaho.

^{2/} 6-12 wks. of disqualification for leaving to marry with an equal reduction in benefits.

^{3/} Must be in insured work, W.Va.; bona fide work, Idaho.

^{4/} Or until employed on not less than 3 days in each of 4 wks., N.Y.; or earns one-half aww, if less, Ohio; or 10 wks. in which claimant was otherwise eligible, Wash.

^{5/} Wages equal to wba in 1 wk. subsequent to wk. of disqualifying act.

^{6/} By judicial interpretation, disqualification applicable only if claimant intended to withdraw from labor market (*Shelton v. Admr.*).

^{7/} Expressed in law as moving to maintain contiguity with another person or persons.

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TABLE 407.--SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

State (1)	Students--		School employees--	
	Disqualified for voluntarily leaving to attend school (7 States) (2)	Ineligible during school attendance (13 States) (3)	"Nonprofessionals" denied between terms (4)	Benefits denied during vacation periods within terms (5)
Ala.	X	. . . . .
Alaska	Disqualified ^{2/}	. . . . .	. . . . .
Ariz.	X	X
Ark.	X	X
Calif.	X	X
Colo.	X	. . . . .	X	X
Conn.	X	. . . . .	X	. . . . .
Del.	X	X
D.C.
Fla.	X	X
Ga.	X	. . . . .
Hawaii
Idaho	Not unemployed	X	X
Ill.	Unavailable ^{1/}	X	. . . . .
Ind.	X	X
Iowa	Not unemployed	X	X
Kans.	X	. . . . .	X	X
Ky.	X	X
La.	Unavailable ^{1/2/}	X	X
Maine	X	X
Md.	X	. . . . .	X	X
Mass.	X	X
Mich.	X	X
Minn.	Unavailable ^{1/2/}	X	X
Miss.	X	. . . . .
Mo.	X	. . . . .
Mont.	Disqualified ^{1/}	. . . . .	. . . . .
Nebr.	Disqualified ^{2/}	X	X
Nev.	X	X
N.H.	X	X
N.J.	X	X
N.Mex.	X	. . . . .
N.Y.	X	X
N.C.	Unavailable ^{1/2/}	X	X
N.Dak.	Disqualified	X
Ohio	(2)	X	X
Okla.	X
Oreg.	X	X
Pa.	X	X
P.R.
R.I.
S.C.	X
S.Dak.	X	X
Tenn.	X	X
Tex.	X	X	X

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TABLE 407,--SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

State (1)	Students--		School employees--	
	Disqualified for voluntarily leaving to attend school (7 States) (2)	Ineligible during school attendance (13 States) (3)	"Nonprofessionals" denied between terms (4)	Benefits denied during vacation periods within terms (5)
Utah	. . . . .	Disqualified <u>1/2/</u>	X	X
Vt.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Va.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X <u>3/</u>	X <u>3/</u>
V.I.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wash.	X <u>2/</u>	Disqualified <u>2/</u>	X	X
W.Va.	X	. . . . .	X	X
Wis.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	X
Wyo.	. . . . .	. . . . .	X	. . . . .

1/ Disqualification or ineligibility continues during vacation periods, Ill., La., Minn., Mont., N.C., Utah.

2/ Not applicable to student who loses job while in school and is available for suitable work, La. Not disqualified if major part of bpw were for services performed while attending school, Minn., Neb., Utah; if full-time work is concurrent with school attendance, N.C. Individual who becomes unemployed while attending school and whose bpw were at least partially earned while attending school meets availability and work search requirements if he makes himself available for suitable employment on any shift, Ohio. Disqualification applies if individual is registered at a school that provides instruction of 10 or more hours per wk.; Alaska; and 12 or more hours per week, Wash.

3/ Includes part-time and substitute school employees.

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TABLE 408.--PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION: FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH IN AMOUNTS AND PERIODS SPECIFIED

State ^{1/}	To obtain or increase benefits		To prevent or reduce benefits	
	Fine ^{2/}	Maximum imprisonment (days unless otherwise specified)	Fine ^{2/}	Maximum imprisonment (days unless otherwise specified)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Ala.	\$50-\$500	1 yr.	\$50-\$500 ^{4/}	1 yr. ^{4/}
Alaska	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Ariz.	25-200	60	25-200	60
Ark.	20-50	30	20-200	60
Calif.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Colo.	25-1,000	6 mos.	25-1,000	6 mos.
Conn.	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Del.	20-50	60	20-200	60
D.C.	100	60	1,000	6 mos.
Fla.	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Ga.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Hawaii	(11)	(11)	20-200	60
Idaho	(6)	(6)	20-200	60
Ill.	5-200	6 mos.	5-200	6 mos.
Ind.	20-500	6 mos.	20-100	60
Iowa	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)
Kans.	(8)	(8)	20-200	60
Ky.	10-50	30	10-50	30
La.	50-1,000	30-90	50-1,000	30-90
Maine	20-50	30	20-200	60
Md.	50-500	90	50-500	90
Mass.	100-1,000	6 mos.	100-500	90
Mich.	100	90	100	90
Minn.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Miss.	20-50	30	20-200	60
Mo.	50-1,000	6 mos.	50-1,000	6 mos.
Mont.	(9)	(9)	50-500	3-30
Nebr.	20-50	30	20-200	60
Nev.	50-500	6 mos.	50-500	6 mos.
N.H.	20-200	1 yr.	(12)	(12)
N.J.	20	. . .	50	. . .
N.Mex.	100	30	100	30
N.Y.	500	1 yr.	500	1 yr.
N.C.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
N.Dak.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Ohio	500	6 mos.	500 ^{4/}	. . .
Okla.	50-500 ^{5/}	90	50-500	90
Oreg.	100-500	90	100-500	90
Pa. ^{1/}	30-200	30	50-500	30
P.R. ^{1/}	(7)	(7)	1,000	1 yr.
R.I.	20-50	30	20-200 ^{4/}	60
S.C.	20-100	30	20-100	30

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TABLE 408.--PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION: FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH IN AMOUNTS AND PERIODS SPECIFIED (CONTINUED)

State ^{1/}	To obtain or increase benefits		To prevent or reduce benefits	
	Fine ^{2/}	Maximum imprisonment (days unless otherwise specified)	Fine ^{2/}	Maximum imprisonment (days unless otherwise specified)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
S.Dak.	(3)	(3)	20-200	60
Tenn.	(5)	(5)	(6)	(6)
Tex.	100-500	30-1 yr.	20-200	60
Utah	50-250	60	50-250	60
Vt.	50	30	50 ^{4/}	30 ^{4/}
Va.	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
V.I.	25-200	60	25-200	60
Wash.	20-250	90	20-250	90
W.va.	20-50	30	20-200 ^{4/}	30 ^{4/}
Wis.	25-100	30	25-100	30
Wyo.	150	60	200	60

^{1/}In States footnoted, law does not require both fine and imprisonment, except Pa. to obtain or increase benefits; and P.R. to obtain or increase benefits, and to prevent or reduce benefits.

^{2/}Where only 1 figure is given, no minimum penalty is indicated; law says "not more than" amounts specified.

^{3/}S.Dak., Class I misdemeanor if amount is \$200 or less; Class 6 felony if amount is more than \$200.

^{4/}General penalty for violation of any provisions of law; no specific penalty for misrepresentation to prevent or reduce benefits and, in Vt., to obtain or increase benefits. In Ohio, penalty for each subsequent offense, \$25-\$1,000.

^{5/}Misdemeanor.

^{6/}Felony.

^{7/}Penalty prescribed in Penal Code for larceny of amount involved.

^{8/}Theft of less than \$50 is a misdemeanor, and theft of \$50 or more is a felony.

^{9/}Crime.

^{10/}Class A misdemeanor if the amount in question is \$500 or less; Class D felony if the amount involved is more than \$500.

^{11/}Misdemeanor if the amount in question is less than \$200; Class C felony if amount in question is \$200 or more.

^{12/}Misdemeanor if committed by individual, felony if committed by corporation.

^{13/}Fraudulent practice.

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TABLE 409.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION TO OBTAIN BENEFITS, 53 STATES

State (1)	Duration of disqualification ^{1/} (2)	Benefits reduced or canceled (3)
Ala.	.....	4 x wba--to max. benefit amount payable in BY ^{2/} (4)
Alaska	6-52	(4)
Ariz.	1-52 wks. ^{1/3/}	(4)
Ark.	W+13 wks. + 2 wks. for each wk. of fraud ^{1/}	50% of remaining entitlement
Calif.	1-10; if convicted, 52 wks. ^{1/3/7/}	(4)
Colo.	(8)	(8)
Conn.	2-39 wks. for which otherwise eligible ^{1/3/}	Mandatory equal reduction
Del.	W+51	X ^{9/}
D.C.	All or part of remainder of BY and for 1 yr. commencing with the end of such BY ^{2/}	X ^{9/}
Fla.	1-52 wks. ^{1/}	(4)
Ga.	Remainder of current quarter and next 4 quarters ^{3/}	Mandatory equal reduction ^{3/}
Hawaii	24 months ^{1/3/}	(9)
Idaho	W+52 ^{1/} ; amounts fraudulently received must be repaid or deducted from future benefits.	X ^{9/}
Ill.	W+6 wks. ^{1/5/}	(4)
Ind.	Up to current BY + ^{6/}	All wage credits prior to act canceled
Iowa	Up to current BY ^{1/}	Mandatory equal reduction
Kans.	1 yr. after act committed or 1st day following last wk. for which benefits were paid, whichever is later	X ^{9/}
Ky.	W+up to 52 wks; if fraudulent benefits received, until such amounts are repaid or 10 yrs. ^{1/3/}	(4)
La.	W+52; if fraudulent benefits received, until such amounts are repaid ^{1/}	X ^{9/}
Maine	6 months-1 yr. ^{1/}	X ^{9/}
Md.	1 yr. and until benefits repaid ^{1/3/}	X ^{9/}
Mass.	1-10 wks. for which otherwise eligible ^{1/2/}	.....
Mich.	Current BY and until such amounts are repaid or withheld ^{1/11/}	Mandatory equal reduction ^{11/}
Minn.	W+up to 52 wks. ^{1/}	(4)
Miss.	W+up to 52 wks. ^{1/}	X
Mo.	Up to current BY + ^{6/}	All or part of wage credits prior to act canceled
Mont.	1-52 wks. and until benefits repaid ^{1/}
Nebr.	Up to current BY + ^{6/}	All or part of wage credits prior to act canceled

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TABLE 409.--DISQUALIFICATION FOR FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION TO OBTAIN BENEFITS, 53 STATES (CONTINUED)

State (1)	Duration of disqualification ^{1/} (2)	Benefits reduced or canceled (3)
Nev.	W+1-52	x ^{9/}
N.H.	4-52 wks; if convicted 1 yr. after conviction; and until benefits repaid or withheld ^{1/2/}	Mandatory equal reduction
N.J.	W+17 ^{1/3/}	17 x wba
N.Mex.	Not more than 52 wks ^{1/}	x ^{9/}
N.Y.	4-80 days for which otherwise eligible ^{1/3/}	Mandatory equal reduction
N.C.	1 yr. after act committed or after last wk. in which benefits fraudulently received, whichever is later ^{3/}	x ^{9/}
N.Dak.	W+51	x ^{9/}
Ohio	Duration of unemployment +6 wks. in covered work	x ^{12/}
Okla.	W+51 ^{1/3/}	BP or BY may not be established during period
Oreg.	Up to 26 wks; if convicted, until benefits repaid or withheld ^{1/3/}	If convicted, all wage credits prior to conviction canceled ^{6/}
Pa.	2 wks. plus 1 wk. for each wk. of fraud or, if convicted of illegal receipt of benefits, 1 yr. after conviction ^{2/3/11/}	x ^{9/}
P.R.	W+51 ^{1/3/}	x ^{9/}
R.I.	If convicted, 1 yr. after conviction	x ^{9/}
S.C.	W+10-52 ^{1/}	(4)
S.Dak.	1-52 wks. ^{1/}	(4)
Tenn.	W+4-52 ^{1/}	(4)
Tex.	Current BY	Benefits or remainder of BY canceled
Utah	W+13-49; and until benefits received fraudulently are repaid ^{15/}	x ^{9/}
Vt.	If not prosecuted, until amount of fraudulent benefits are repaid or withheld +1-26 wks. ^{1/3/}	(4)
Va.	W+52 and until benefits repaid up to 5 yrs.; if convicted, 1 yr. after conviction ^{1/3/}	(4)
V.I.	W+52 ^{1/3/}	x ^{4/}
Wash.	Wk. of fraudulent act +26 wks. following filing of first claim after determination of fraud ^{3/}	x ^{9/}
W.Va.	W+5-52 wks. ^{1/13/}	Mandatory reduction of 5 x wba for each wk. of disqualification
Wis.	Each wk. of fraud	1-3 wks. ^{2/14/}
Wyo.	If convicted, 4 wks. for each wk. of fraud	All accrued benefits forfeited ^{3/}

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1/ W means wk. in which act occurs plus the indicated number of consec. wks. following. Period of disqualification is measured from date of determination of fraud, Hawaii, Idaho, Ill., Iowa., La., Md., Minn., Mont., N.H., N.Mex., Okla., P.R., S.C., V.I., and Va.; mailing date of determination, Maine; date of redetermination of fraud Vt.; date of claim or registration for work, Ariz., and W.Va.; wk. determination is mailed or served, or any subsequent wk. for which individual is first otherwise eligible for benefits; or if convicted, wk. in which criminal complaint is filed, Calif., waiting or compensable wk. after its discovery, Conn., Fla., Mass., N.Y., S.Dak. and Tenn.; as determined by agency, Miss., and Oreg.; date of discovery of fraud, Ky., Mich., and N.J.; waiting or compensable wk. after determination mailed or delivered, Ark.

2/ Provision applicable at discretion of agency.

3/ Provision applicable only if claim filed within 3 yrs. following date determination was mailed or served, Calif.; 2 yrs. after offense, Ariz., Hawaii, N.Y., P.R., and V.I.; 3 yrs. after offense, Md.; if claim is filed within 6 yrs. after BY during which offense occurred, Conn.; in current BY or one beginning within 12 months following discovery of offense, N.J.; if determination of fraud is made within four years after offense, Ga.; and within 2 yrs. after offense, Ky., N.C., Okla., and Va.; if proceedings are not undertaken, Hawaii and P.R.; if claim is filed within 2 yrs. following determination of fraud, Pa. and Wash.; if claim is filed within 2 yrs. after conviction, Wyo.; within 3 yrs. after date of decision, Oreg., Vt.

4/ Before disqualification period ends, wage credits may have expired in whole or in part depending on disqualification imposed and/or end of BY.

5/ Plus 2 additional wks. of disqualification for each subsequent offense.

6/ Cancellation of all wage credits means that period of disqualification will extend into 2d BY, depending on amount of wage credits for such a yr. accumulated before fraudulent claim.

7/ Disqualification may be served concurrently with a disqualification imposed for any of the 3 major causes if individual registers for work for such wk. as required under latter disqualifications.

8/ See sec. 455.03 for explanation of period of disqualification.

9/ Before disqualification period ends, wage credits will have expired in whole or in part, depending on end of BY.

11/ And until benefits withheld or repaid if finding of fault on the part of the claimant has been made, Pa.; and forfeiture of first 6 wks. of benefits otherwise payable within 52 wks. following restitution, Mich.

12/ And earnings of 3 x the aww or \$360, whichever is less. In addition, claims shall be rejected within 4 yrs. and benefits denied for 2 wks. for each weekly claim canceled.

13/ For each wk. of disqualification for fraudulent claim, an additional 5-wk. disqualification is imposed.

14/ Compensable wks. within 2-yr. period following date of determination of fraud for concealing earnings or refusal of job offer.

15/ 13 weeks for first week of fraud + 6 weeks for each additional week. No benefits shall be paid until overpayment repaid at twice amount fraudulently received.

TABLE 410, EFFECT OF DISQUALIFYING INCOME ON WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT, 40 STATES^{1/}

(1)	Worker's compensation ^{2/}	Wages in lieu of notice	Dismissal payments
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Ala.	R ^{2/}	D ^{3/}	D
Alaska	.....	D ^{3/}	.....
Ark.	.....	.....	D ^{6/}
Calif.	R ^{2/}	R ^{3/}	.....
Colo.	R ^{2/5/}	D	.....
Conn.	D ^{2/5/}	D	D ^{6/}
Del.	.....	.....	.....
D.C.	.....	.....	.....
Fla.	R ^{2/}	R	.....
Ga.	D ^{2/}	D	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	.....
Ill.	R ^{2/}	.....	.....
Ind.	.....	R ^{4/}	R ^{4/}
Iowa	R ^{2/}	R	R
Kans.	D ^{2/}	.....	.....
Ky.	.....	R	.....
La.	R ^{2/}	R	.....
Maine	.....	R	R ^{4/}
Md.	.....	R ^{4/}	R ^{4/}
Mass.	D ^{2/}	R ^{4/}	.....
Mich.	.....	R	.....
Minn.	R ^{2/}	R	R
Miss.	.....	R	R
Mo.	R ^{2/}	R	R
Mont.	D ^{2/}	D	D
Nebr.	R	R	R
Nev.	.....	D	D
N.H.	R	R	R
N.J.	.....	D	.....
N.Y.	.....	.....	.....
N.Mex.	.....	.....	.....
N.C.	.....	D	D
Ohio	R	R	R
Okla.	.....	.....	.....
Oreg.	.....	.....	R
Pa.	.....	.....	.....
P.R.	.....	.....	.....
R.I.	R
S.Dak.	R	R	R
Tenn.	D ^{2/}	D
Tex.	D ^{2/}	D
Utah	R	R
Vt.	R	R
Va.	R
Wash.	R
W.Va.	D ^{2/}	D	D ^{4/}
Wis.	D ^{2/}	R ^{4/}
Wyo.	R

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(Footnotes for Table 410)

1/ "R" means weekly benefit is reduced by weekly prorated amount of the payment.
"D" means no benefit is paid for the week of receipt.

2/ See text for types of payments listed as disqualifying income in States noted. In other States disqualification or reduction applies only to payments for temporary partial disability.

3/ By regulation, Alaska; by interpretation, Calif..

4/ Reduction as wages for a given wk. only when definitely allocated by close of such wk., payable to the employee for that week at full applicable wage rate, and employee has had due notice of such allocation, Wis.; excludes greater of first \$3 or 1/5 wba from other than BP employer, Ind.; not applicable if claimant's unemployment caused by abolition of job for technological reasons or as result of termination of operations at place of employment, Md. Excludes first \$10 from deduction, Mass.

5/ If workmen's compensation benefits received subsequent to receipt of unemployment benefits, individual liable to repay unemployment benefits in excess of workmen's compensation benefits.

6/ Not applicable to severance payments or accrued leave pay based on service for the Armed Forces.

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(Footnotes for Table 410 continued).

8/ Wba reduced if 50% or more of financing is provided by BP employer, N.Mex., Tenn. or by ER, Minn. and S.Dak.

9/ Claimant eligible to receive OASI benefits is ineligible for unemployment benefits unless and until it is demonstrated that claimant has not voluntarily withdrawn from the labor force.

10/ Reduction as wages for a given wk. only when definitely allocated by close of such wk., payable to the employee for that week at full applicable wage rate, and employee has had due notice of such allocation, Wis.; excludes greater of first \$3 or 1/5 wba from other than BP employer, Ind.; not applicable if claimant's unemployment caused by abolition of job for technological reasons or as result of termination of operations at place of employment, Md. Excludes first \$10 from deduction, Mass.

11/ Disqualified under voluntary quit provision if claimant receives or is eligible to receive retirement payments under plan to which any ER has contributed substantially or under a governmental system, including OASI, if retired from chargeable ER before reaching compulsory retirement age of that ER. If he left or lost such employment at compulsory retirement age, wba reduced by the amount of the weekly retirement payment which the ER has contributed, if that amount is separately calculated or can be estimated. Wba reduced by all but \$30 of employee's weekly retirement payment under other retirement systems.

12/ If workmen's compensation benefits received subsequent to receipt of unemployment benefits, individual liable to repay unemployment benefits in excess of workmen's compensation benefits.

13/ Not applicable to severance payments or accrued leave pay based on service for the Armed Forces.

14/ Deduction does not apply if the retirement income is based on wages earned prior to the BP.

15/ Not applicable to involuntarily unemployed worker whose base-period ER was subject to FICA but not eligible for social security benefits because of age.

16/ Claimant will be disqualified if his retirement pay from any employer exceeds the State aww.

17/ Retirement benefits treated as wages and reduction pertains to that amount in excess of 1/2 wba.

18/ No reduction if claimant has established a valid claim based on employment subsequent to effective date of the primary insurance benefit.